

Food and Agricultural Research Act of 1995 leading to the creation and funding of the Illinois Council for Food and Agricultural Research (C-FAR). He subsequently promoted public involvement in research priority setting through C-FAR representation, a move that attracted national attention as a model for reenergizing land-grant universities and empowering their constituents.

Dr. Holt's past contributions to Illinois and U.S. Agriculture have brought about a firestorm of progressive change. With his unique but clear vision of the future, he is able to see the changing nature of agriculture beyond the horizon and can anticipate how educational and research institutions can best prepare to meet the needs of individuals who will conduct business in the changing environment.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Donald A. Holt has had a long and distinguished career that will have an impact on agriculture far into the future. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this distinguished gentleman for all he has done for agriculture and for the country.

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL RUSSELL C. DAVIS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis, who is retiring from the National Guard after forty-four years of exemplary service, as a member of the US Air Force and National Guard of the United States.

General Davis has had a distinguished career of service to our nation's defense. He began his military career in the US Air Force in 1958 as an aviation cadet. While on active duty, he served as a B-47 strategic bombardment pilot at Lincoln Air Force Base, Nebraska. He then joined the Iowa Air National Guard, where he transitioned to fighter pilot, and served in numerous command and staff positions, from squadron pilot to Director of Operations. He commanded the 113th Tactical Fighter Wing prior to being appointed the Commanding General of the District of Columbia National Guard.

General Davis is retiring from his current position as Chief, National Guard Bureau (NGB). The President appointed him Chief, NGB, in 1998. As Chief, NGB, he served as the senior uniformed National Guard officer responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting more than half million Army and Air National Guard personnel. As Chief, NGB, General Davis has served as the Army and Air Forces' official channel of communication with the governors and the Adjutants General of the states, commonwealths, territories and the District of Columbia.

General Davis epitomizes the citizen-soldier. His career has reflected his unswerving integrity and high moral principles. He retires with over four thousand seven hundred flying hours in bomber and fighter aircraft. His numerous awards and decorations serve as a testament to his dedication, commitment, contributions, and sacrifice.

It is our hope that you will join us as we salute Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis on

the occasion of his retirement from the National Guard and wish him continued high flight.

ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR  
AWARDS CEREMONY—NECO  
CHAIRMAN WILLIAM DENIS  
FUGAZY LEADS DRAMATIC  
CEREMONY

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, On behalf of Ellis Island Medals of Honor Ceremonies, I am submitting the following statement for the RECORD.

Standing on the hallowed grounds of Ellis Island—the portal through which 17 million immigrants entered the United States—a cast of ethnic Americans who have made significant contributions to the life of this nation were presented with the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor at an emotionally uplifting ceremony. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of those individuals whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001.

NECO's annual medal ceremony and reception on Ellis Island in New York Harbor is the Nation's largest celebration of ethnic pride. Representing a rainbow of ethnic origins, this year's recipients received their awards in the shadow of the historic Great Hall, where the first footsteps were taken by the millions of immigrants who entered the U.S. in the latter part of the nineteenth century. "Today we honor great ethnic Americans who, through their achievements and contributions, and in the spirit of their ethnic origins, have enriched this country and have become role models for future generations," said NECO Chairman William Denis Fugazy. "In addition, we honor the immigrant experience—those who passed through this Great Hall decades ago, and the new immigrants who arrive on American soil seeking opportunity."

Mr. Fugazy added, "it doesn't matter how you got here or if you already were here. Ellis Island is a symbol of the freedom, diversity and opportunity ingredients inherent in the fabric of this nation. Although many recipients have no familial ties to Ellis Island, their ancestors share similar histories of struggle and hope for a better life here."

Established in 1986 by NECO, the Ellis Island Medals of Honor pay tribute to the ancestry groups that comprise America's unique cultural mosaic. To date, approximately 1500 American citizens have received medals.

NECO is the largest organization of its kind in the U.S. serving as an umbrella group for over 250 ethnic organizations and whose mandate is to preserve ethnic diversity, promote ethnic and religious equality, tolerance and harmony, and to combat injustice, hatred and bigotry. NECO has a new goal in its humanitarian mission: saving the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions. NECO has founded The Forum's Children Foundation, which brings children from developing nations needing life-saving surgery to the United States for treatment.

Ellis Island Medals of Honor recipients are selected each year through a national nomination process. Screening committees from NECO's member organizations select the final nominees, who are then considered by the Board Directors.

Past Ellis Island Medals of Honor recipients have included several U.S. Presidents,

entertainers, athletes, entrepreneurs, religious leaders and business executives, such as William Clinton, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, George Bush, Richard Nixon, George Pataki, Mario Cuomo, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Michael Douglas, Gloria Estefan, Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Elie Wiesel, Muhammad Ali, Mickey Mantle, General Norman Schwarzkopf, Barbara Walters, Terry Anderson, Dr. Michael DeBakey, Senator John McCain, Rudy Giuliani and Attorney General Janet Reno.

Congratulations to the 2002 Ellis Island Medals of Honor Recipients:

Abel Abrahamson, Chairman Emeritus/Co-Founder, Norwegian Immigration Assoc., Norwegian; William Achenbaum, President, S/A Associates, Russian; Elias S. Adamopoulos, M.D., President, Piraeus Realty Corp., Hellenic; Hector Alcalde, Chairman & CEO, Alcalde & Fay, Spanish; Kurt Aschermann, Sr. Vice President, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, German/Austrian/Italian; Lawrence Auriana, Chairman, Federated Kaufman Fund, Italian; Kenneth E. Behring, CEO & Founder, Wheelchair Foundation, German; Hon. Cornelius Blackshear, Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, African; Barbara Blair, CEO, Cyberstaff, Russian; Michael J. Brescia, M.D., Sr. V.P. & Exec. Med. Dir., Calvary Hospital, Italian; Lt. Gen. Bryan D. Brown, Commanding General, US Army Special Operations Command, Irish; Jeanette Grasselli Brown, Chair, Ohio Board of Regents, Hungarian; Maurice A. Buckley, President & CEO, Irish Chamber of Commerce in the USA, English/Irish; Preston C. Caruthers, General Partner, Carfam II Associates, L.P., Scottish/English; Steven W. Casteel, Assist. Admin. For Intelligence, US Dept of Justice, Dutch; Peter Castellana, Jr., President & CEO, Western Beef, Inc., Irish/Italian; Joseph R. Cerrell, Chairman & CEO, Cerrell Associates, Inc., Italian/French; Stephen Cherpelis, CEO, Stephen Cherpelis Enterprises, Inc., Hellenic; Hon. Michael Chertoff, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Russian/Polish; Stanley M. Chesley, Attorney, Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley Co., Ukrainian; Michael V. Ciresi, Partner & Chairman, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P., Italian; Anthony S. Colavita, Esq., Attorney and Councilman, Italian/Irish; William J. Collis, M.D., Founder & Ophthalmic Surgeon, Kentucky Eye Institute, Hellenic; Martin E. Cooperman, Managing Partner, Grant Thornton, Russian/Polish; Salvatore J. Cumella, M.D., Executive Producer/President "Women to Women" Radio Show, Cumella Professional Services Inc., Italian; John C. Cushman III, Chairman, Cushman & Wakefield, Inc., English/Dutch.

Lucia Grieco Danzi, 100 years old, Italian; Oscar Davis, Chairman, Hayward Industries, Inc., Hungarian; Gen. Raymond G. Davis, USMC, United States Marine Corps, Scottish/German; Joseph J. DePaolo, President & CEO, Signature Bank, Italian; Thomas B. Doolan, President & CEO, TBD & Associates Inc., Irish; Harry A. Dorian Esq., Armenian; Thomas C. Eakin, President, Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame, Scottish/Irish/English; Marvin E. Eisenstadt, President, Cumberland Packing Corp., Russian; Terrence A. Elkes, Principal, Apollo Partners LLC, Russian/Polish; Eugene C. Enlow, Chairman & CEO, Atlantic Detroit Diesel-Allison, German; Joseph Anthony Esposito, President & CEO, eResearch Technology, Italian; John H. Eyler, Jr., Chairman & CEO, Toys 'R' Us, Inc., English/German/Irish; John Joseph Fareri, President, Fareri Associates, L.P., Italian; George N. Faris, Chairman & CEO, American International, Petroleum Corporation, Lebanese; John P. Ferguson, President & CEO, Hackensack University Medical Center, Irish/Italian, Scottish; John Fitzpatrick, CEO,

Fitzpatrick Hotel Group N.A., Irish; Dewey Pong, Deputy Chief, New York City Police Department, Chinese; Hon. Vito J. Fossella, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives, Italian/Irish; Daniel Frasca, Executive Director of Finance & Administration, New York State United Teachers, Italian; Louis J. Freeh, Sr. Vice Chairman, MBNA, America, Italian/Irish/German; Clifford H. Friedman, Senior Managing Director, Constellation Ventures, Russian.

Andre P. Gambucci, Consultant to the President, The Acordia Cos Wells Fargo, Italian; Joe Garagiola, Former Baseball Player, TV Announcer, Joe G. Enterprises, Italian; Michael Gewitz, M.D., Professor & Director, Dept. of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital At Westchester Med. Center, Russian/Austrian/Slovakian; George Gialamas, President & CEO, Gialamas Company, Hellenic; Matthew Goldstein, Chancellor, CUNY, Romanian/Polish/Austrian; John B. Goodman, Chairman, The Goodman Group, Russian/Romanian/Lithuanian; C. Flemming Heilmann, Principal, Banyan Projects, Danish; Werner F. Hiller, Founder & President, The Hiller Family Foundation, German; John H. Hong, President, Hanmi Realty, Korean; Myung Mike Hong, Chairman & CEO, Dura Coat Products, Inc., South Korean; Professor James Jacobson, Associate Professor of Education, Saint Peter's College, Finnish; Eugenia Janke, Chairman, Tolstoy Foundation, Russian; Kaija R. Kalervo, President, American Finnish Community Club, Inc., Finnish; Professor Andrew G. Kampiziones, Professor of Philosophy, Francis Marion State University, Hellenic; Hon. Marcy Kaptur, Member of Congress-9th District U.S. House of Representatives, Polish; James G. Kennedy, President, James G. Kennedy & Co., Inc., Irish/French; Joseph Kisup Kim, President, Kim's Jewelers, Korean; William C. Korner, President & CEO, Prinexus, Scottish/English; Gust C. Kraras, President & CEO, KCK & GCM, Inc., Hellenic; Kent Kresa, Chairman & CEO, Northrop Grumman Corp., German; Robert I. Kuperman, Chairman & CEO, DDB/New York, Russian.

Joseph R. Lagana, President & CEO, United States Information Systems, Inc., Italian; Joseph J. Lagano, President & Founder, J. Lagano Family Foundation, Italian; Louis E. Lataif, Dean—School of Management, Boston University, Lebanese; Br. Robert E. Lavelle, C.S.C. Headmaster, Gilmore Academy, Irish; Josephine LeBeau, Executive Director Vice President, AFSCME International, French/Creole; Professor Heo-Peh Lee, President & CEO, Shie-Jie Enterprises Group, Chinese; Joe (McCoy) Lenti, Vice President/Program Director, WCBS-FM Radio, Italian; Mark M. Lii, President, Ten Ren Tea & Ginseng Co., Inc., Chinese; Dr. Johnny M.J. Lu, President, Lucoral Co., Inc., Chinese; William Lucy, International Secretary-Treasurer, AFSCME, African; Martin J. Maddaloni, General President, United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters, Italian; Farah B. Majidzadeh, CEO & Chairperson, Resource International, Inc., Iranian; Lt. Gen. Dan K. McNeill, Commanding General United States Army, XVIII Airborne Corps & Ft. Bragg, Scottish; Frank Meehan, International Vice President & President, UFCW—Local 1500, Irish; John R. Miller, Vice Chairman, KPMG, Welsh/English; Matthew Mirones, Assemblyman, Hellenic; Alfred T. Mockett, Chairman & CEO, AMS, English; Ralph Salvatore Mosca, M.D., Director of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, Children's Hospital of New York, Italian/Irish/German; John P. Moses, Esq., Moses and Gelso, Lebanese; Murlan J. Murphy, Jr., Principal, JTM Company, Irish; Mike Mehmet Mustafoglu, Chairman & CEO, Transglobal Financial Corporation, Turkish; A. Maurice Myers, Chairman, President & CEO, Waste Management, Danish/Austrian.

Nicholas Andrew Natsios, Retired-Senior C.I.A. Official, Central Intelligence Agency, Hellenic; ADM. Robert J. Natter, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Austrian/Scottish/Irish; Albert G. Nickel, President, Chairman & CEO, Lyons Lavey Nickel Swift, German; Louis Nicozisis, President, NICO Properties Group, Hellenic; Hon. Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., Senior Advisor, Citigroup, Swedish; Harry C. Orbelian, Conductor & Musical Director, Moscow Chamber Orchestra, Armenian/Ukrainian; Vasilias (Bess) Pappas, Director Hellenic Cardiac Fund for Children, Children's Hospital Boston, Hellenic; Michael F. Parlamis, President & CEO, Frank Parlamis Inc., Hellenic; Santo Petrocelli, CEO, Petrocelli Electric Company, Inc., Italian; John George Poles, Senior Partner, Poles, Tublin, Patestides & Stratakis LLP, Hellenic; Albert T. Primo, President & CEO, Eyewitness News Service, Inc., Italian; Hon. A. Gail Prudenti, Presiding Justice, State of New York, Italian/German; Anthony R. Pustorino, Professor Emeritus, Pace University, Italian; Robert C. Radice, Chairman & CEO (retired), Radice Corporation, Italian; John C. Rakkou, President & CEO, Interbank of New York, Hellenic; George Randazzo, Founder and Chairman of the Board, National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, Italian; Hon. Edward D. Re, Chief Judge Emeritus, US Court of International Trade, Italian; Dr. Arthur Lachlan Reed, Lachlan International, Scottish; Mona Romain, Assistant Treasurer, United Federation of Teachers, West Indian; Michael L. Royce, Acting President, Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment Corp., Polish/Russian;

Charles J. Santelli, Director of Policy & Program Development, New York State United Teachers, Italian; Chief Michael Scagnelli, Chief of Transportation, N.Y.P.D., Italian; Hon. Chris Victor Semos, Former Governmental Consultant, Hellenic; Phillip J. Shapiro, President & CEO, Liberty Maritime Corp., Russian/Polish; Rhona Hope Silver, CEO, Rhona Silver's Huntington Townhouse, Russian/Polish; James L. Singleton, President, The Cypress Group LLC, Irish/Portuguese; Hon. Dean G. Skelos, Senator, New York State Senate Deputy Majority Leader, Hellenic; Edward D. Soma, M.D., Lebanese; Hon. Michael Sotirhos, US Ambassador (Retired), Hellenic; George W. Souvall, President, Leisure Management Corporation, Hellenic; Dean A. Spanos, President, San Diego Chargers, Hellenic; Daniel J. "Rusty" Staub, Chairman, NYP & Firefighters' Widow & Childrens Benefit Fund, German/Irish; Hon. Joseph A. Suozzi, Senior Partner, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., Italian; Laurence M. Traub, President, Intermetal Corporation, Russian/Lithuanian/Byelorussia; Savey Tufenkian, Executive Vice President (Retired), Western Waste Industries, Armenian; Rajendra B. Vattikuti, Founder & Co-Chairman, Covansys, Asian Indian; Antonio "Nino" Vendome, CEO, Vendome Group, Italian; Hon. James T. Walsh, Member of Congress N.Y. 25, Irish; David Walters, Former Governor of Oklahoma/President, Walters Power International, German/French/Swiss; Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Professor/Author/Therapist, German; Major General George N. Williams, Commander, 21st U.S. Air Force, Hellenic; George C. Zoley, Vice Chairman & CEO, Wackenhut Corrections Corporation, Hellenic.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ERIC AUTOBEE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Corrections Officer Eric Autobee of Pueblo, Colorado. Eric lost his life in October and, as his family mourns his loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the wonderful memories he has left behind.

Eric attended Pueblo County High School and went on to graduate from Pueblo Community College in 2000. It was his life's ambition to pursue a career in law enforcement, a goal that became a reality when he was hired as a corrections officer the by Colorado Department of Corrections in 2001. Tragically, Eric lost his life while on duty at the Limon Correctional facility in October.

Throughout his 23 years, Eric lived his life with a genuine happiness and compassion for those who had the privilege to know him. Eric displayed a distinct fondness for the outdoors and was an avid sportsman who loved the land and enjoyed the vast Colorado mountains. He lived his life with honor and integrity, and always displayed genuine respect and courtesy to his fellow citizens and the inmates that he protected.

As a former law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our police officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee the safety of their fellow citizens. They work tirelessly with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserves our recognition and thanks, and that is why I pay tribute to the life and service of officer Eric Autobee here today.

Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt respect that I stand today to recognize Eric Autobee before this body of Congress and this nation. I extend my sincere condolences to his parents, Bob and Lola, grandparents, Benito and Grace, brother Scott, sister Bernadette and girlfriend Michelle. Eric lived his life with honor and served the community of Pueblo with distinction. His loss will be deeply felt, and a grateful nation will be forever in his debt.

HONORING DAPHNE JEFFERSON

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daphne Jefferson for her dedication and diligence in my office over the past year.

An employee of the Federal Aviation Administration, Daphne was selected for a legislative fellowship under the auspices of the Brookings Institution, and I have had the benefit of her assignment to my office.

In 1996 Daphne started at the FAA as a Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist in Miami, Florida. Her career with the FAA has lasted more than fifteen years. During that