

as we think about our role in the U.N. after this war is over.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MORALES AND CORPORAL RODRIGUEZ

(Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two Puerto Rican soldiers who died recently in the Middle East. Sergeant Orlando Morales, a soldier who served in Special Operations in Afghanistan, and who died after being wounded in an ambush last Saturday as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Sergeant Morales' Special Operations battalion took on hostile fire during a reconnaissance mission. Marine Corporal Robert M. Rodriguez was killed in action on March 27 when his tank crashed into the Euphrates River during combat operations northwest of An Nasiriyah. The United States and Puerto Rico lost true patriots in both these brave men.

While I did not personally know them, there are thousands of dedicated soldiers like them active in the Armed Forces from Puerto Rico and of Puerto Rican descent. My thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones and with our troops in the Middle East. I am here today to recognize their sacrifice to the United States and to Puerto Rico.

I want to also take this opportunity to let my colleagues know that Puerto Ricans today, as throughout our history with the U.S., remain in steadfast commitment to our armed services.

We must forever recognize the tens of thousands like Sergeant Morales and Corporal Rodriguez who have died or have been wounded in combat. During the Korean War, General Douglas MacArthur said of the forces of the much-heralded 65th Infantry, the fighting Borinqueneers from Puerto Rico, and I quote, "They are writing a brilliant record of achievement in battle and I am proud indeed to have them in this command."

I ask my colleagues to honor these soldiers and to recognize the ongoing Puerto Rican commitment to the United States military.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CARLOS DE LA CRUZ

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate a man of great honor and integrity, a man who has devoted his life to the cause of serving our community in south Florida, Carlos de la Cruz. Carlos has been selected to receive the 2003 American Red Cross Humanitarian Award for his exceptional contributions to our community. Carlos has had a distinguished ca-

reer in his endeavor to improve the lives of people across our beloved Nation, while the American Red Cross has a fitting tribute, a well deserving one, for Carlos. A native from Cuba, Carlos along with his lovely wife, Rosa, have been examples of true social responsibility. His work with the Red Cross, United Way, and the Urban League inspires us all.

I join the people in south Florida, the American Red Cross, and all of Carlos's family in soluting his extraordinary work. To Carlos, gracias for his devotion and commitment to our beloved south Florida community. We are a better area for his being there.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF ODELIA ROBINSON

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to mourn the loss of one of the most significant councilwomen in the city of Cleveland, Odelia Robinson. Odelia Robinson is the former councilwoman in Ward 3. She was succeeded by Zachery Reed, one of the people that she nurtured in public life. Odelia Robinson has always been my friend. Prior to coming to the council, she served in a nurturing profession. She was a nurse and in social work. We in the city of Cleveland will miss this great soldier.

I join with all the people of the 11th congressional district to extend our sympathy and condolences to the family of Odelia Robinson.

THE TRADE DEFICIT

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, our trade deficit reached an astounding figure of over \$400 billion last year. This means we are still losing millions of jobs to other countries. Now in today's Washington Post, there are headlines saying "White Collar Work a Booming U.S. Export" and "More White Collar Work being Shipped Overseas."

According to this story, one study says by 2015, 3 million white collar jobs and \$140 billion in wages will have shifted from the U.S. to other nations. Another headline in today's Post says "U.S. Manufacturers Cut Back in March."

The disciples of high tech told us not to worry about losing factory jobs, but now we are losing these economy jobs to China, India, and elsewhere. Is it any wonder that college graduates cannot find good jobs and are going to graduate school while working as waiters and waitresses?

We need to start putting U.S. workers first and end trade agreements and government regulations that force more jobs to other countries. If we do

not, Mr. Speaker, the standard of living for most Americans is going to go down, down, down.

JESSICA LYNCH COMING HOME

(Mrs. CAPITO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, this is a good morning to be a West Virginian. We found out last night one of our own is coming home.

Jessica Lynch, a 19-year-old private first class from the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company is in safe hands right now because of the heroism of her rescuers, the coalition forces. Jessica had been missing for 10 days. She is from Palestine, West Virginia, in Wirt County. Wirt County residents are resilient people who epitomize the can-do spirit of West Virginia, and it was their prayers that brought Jessie home. All of us West Virginians and every American across the Nation can feel the Lynch family's relief now that their daughter is in safe hands.

I stand here today wearing my yellow ribbon because we are waiting for other Americans to come home. We are joyful, thankful, grateful as we see the miraculous rescue of Jessie Lynch.

WAR AND PSYCHOLOGY

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I want to quote this morning from an article by Mona Charen, "War and Psychology," in which she says: "War never solves anything." So say dozens of callers to C-SPAN" all day long "and left-leaning radio programs."

"The answer to this argument, if you can call it an argument, could almost fit on a bumper sticker. Apart from securing American independence, ending slavery, and defeating Nazism and Communism, 'war has never solved anything,' so the liberals say.

"Anti-war activists tell us that Iraq is a distraction from the more important war against global terrorism. This argument has been dealt a serious blow by the capture of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed."

Frankly, Mr. Speaker, war does solve many things; but we have to win them, and this one we will win.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 743, SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2003

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 168 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 168

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in