

honor given by the Sparrow Health System in Lansing, Michigan. His commitment to advancing Mid-Michigan's health care services is commendable.

Over the span of his career, Mr. Bass has occupied many impressive positions. He has served on Sparrow boards for 14 years, including 6 years as Chairman of the Board. He also sat on the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association of Mid-Michigan. Mr. Bass's negotiating skills were used to assist in the mergers of the St. Lawrence Hospital and Healthcare Services and Clinton Memorial Hospital with the Sparrow Health System.

Mr. Bass is not only an outstanding leader in his professional field, but a true servant to his community. Throughout the years, he has been a volunteer for YMCA, Ele's Place, and the Boy Scouts of America. He also provided voluntary assistance to Michigan State University and the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing in implementing their recycling programs. His contributions to Michigan's "Partners for Peace" initiative were recognized with a Legion of Merit Medal. Larry's selfless actions demonstrate his true concern for the well-being of others.

Mr. Speaker, Larry's commitment to helping his community and providing strong leadership in the health care field is evident to all around him. Receiving the 2003 Sparrow Founder's Award is a well-deserved honor. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his worthy achievement and dedication to continued service to Michigan's residents.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC, INC.

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 20th Anniversary of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.

The Foundation's mission is pure and simple—to give children facing illnesses such as cancer, pediatric AIDS, and heart disease something positive to think about instead of doctors visits, medicines, or hospitals, by granting them their greatest wish. Whether a wish is to meet a sports hero or movie star, or to receive a home computer, the Foundation dedicates itself to making each child feel special.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. has served more than 3,800 children that reside in the D.C. Metropolitan Area and Delaware. The organization is one of seventy-seven chapters of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. Thanks to the work of thousands of Northern Virginia residents, the Foundation has been able to make these children's wishes come true.

I would like to take a moment to recognize several Northern Virginia residents who serve the Foundation as Board Members. They include John Elmes, Jeffrey Gabardi, Patty Gioia, David Joubran, Nancy Kfoury, Dr. Damon Moore, Norma Ramsey, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Jay Tompkins, and Foundation

President and C.E.O. Ralph Nappi, Jr. It is the dedication of these people, along with numerous other D.C. Metropolitan residents who help to make wishes come true for these special children.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I encourage my colleagues and others to learn more about this wonderful organization. The joy and hope that the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic has brought to children for the past 20 years is a shining example of the American spirit. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the Foundation continued success and in applauding their accomplishments.

EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1559) making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes;

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of this bill, specifically the provision that would provide \$3.2 billion in assistance to the Nation's airline industry. This funding is critical to the health of the industry as our Nation is at war. U.S. Airways, in particular, has a strong presence in Pennsylvania with major hubs in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Since September 11, 2001, approximately 3,000 U.S. Airways employees have lost their jobs in the Pittsburgh region.

U.S. Airways, along with other major carriers, is seeking several remedies to deal with the current crisis within the airline industry. Among the proposed solutions are a repeal of the passenger security tax and the air carrier security fee, proposed takeover by TSA of all screening of passengers and property as provided for in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, permanent extension of the Aviation Insurance program, and suspension of Aviation Trust Fund taxes. These are all important issues that this Congress should address.

Mr. Chairman, the health of U.S. Airways is critical to many more jobs in my district and the stability of the economy in the Pittsburgh region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I urge my colleagues to support this provision and by doing so help insure the viability of the airline industry and save many more jobs that may be lost through no fault of the workers that keep us flying.

WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL COMPETITION

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2003, more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, D.C. to

compete in the national finals of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program, the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

I am proud to announce that Green River High School will represent the State of Wyoming in this national event. These young scholars have worked conscientiously to reach the national finals by participating at local and statewide competitions. As a result of their experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The three-day We the People national competition is modeled after Congressional hearings, consisting of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe the students' depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The We the People program provides curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels. The curriculum not only enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy, but also helps them identify the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, and cooperative learning techniques help the students to become active, responsible citizens.

The Green River High School class is currently preparing for their participation in the national competition in Washington, D.C. These young people inspire me as they advocate fundamental ideals that bind us together as a nation. They are setting a positive example for their peers as well as future generations. I am very proud of these students, and wish them the best of luck at the We the People national finals.

RECOGNIZING LANCE CORPORAL PATRICK O'DAY, USMC, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ 24 MARCH 2003

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Lance Corporal Patrick O'Day, USMC, who was killed in action in Iraq 24 March 2003. Corporal O'Day, 20-year-old resident of Sonoma County, California, answered his country's call and paid the ultimate price.

Corporal O'Day served as a Tank Crewman/Gunner with the 1st Tank Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division. His tank was crossing the Euphrates River northwest of Nasiriyah in Southern Iraq when it plunged off a bridge and submerged in the river. All four crewmembers perished.