

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.

Corporal O'Day was born in Scotland and moved to Sonoma County when he was three years old. He loved his adopted country and chose to serve in the Marines, enlisting immediately after graduating from Santa Rosa High School. He was drawn to the Marines because of its reputation as the toughest of the military branches and he was driven to succeed. When he developed stress fractures in his legs during boot camp, he spent six months in rehabilitation rather than accept a medical discharge.

Corporal O'Day was the eldest of four boys. His brothers looked up to him for guidance and counsel.

He met his wife, Shauna, in high school. They married last fall and their first child will be born in September.

Corporal O'Day's tragic death reminds us that however just the cause, war brings tragedy to far too many families and that any casualty is one too many.

Corporal O'Day died serving the country he loved, with comrades he loved and with the love of his wife and family in his heart. Our nation is humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Lance Corporal Patrick O'Day, USMC, who gave his life in service to his country.

KAYLEIGH JACK, IDAHO STATE
WINNER OF GOPUSA'S YOUNG
PATRIOTS ESSAY CONTEST

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a stirring essay written by a young woman from my district, Eagle High School senior Kayleigh Jack. She is this year's Idaho State winner of GOPUSA's Young Patriots Essay Contest. In describing a visit to New York City and her encounter with a homeless veteran named "Sarge" who was seeking shelter near Ground Zero, Kayleigh paints a stark picture of the visceral impact that the events of September 11, 2001, had on millions of Americans like Sarge who have sacrificed for our freedoms. More than that, her work provides a valuable and hopeful insight into the hearts and minds of young people like her. The lessons of the past truly are learned anew with each lifetime. Kayleigh's essay shows just how profound that earned wisdom can be. I am grateful for the help in understanding more clearly that there is a generation growing to adulthood that now grasps what makes America, its people, principles and institutions so great.

IDAHO STATE WINNER—KAYLEIGH C. JACK
EAGLE, ID, EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL, PUBLIC,
12TH GRADE

On a cold cement step sits a scruffy man in heavy clothing. A small American flag is propped atop his knapsack. Behind him, a fading golden hue illuminates a gaping hole in the earth where two magnificent towers once stood. For Sarge, it will be another cold night in the Big Apple.

On September 11, Americans were awakened to gleaming knives slicing through America's seemingly impenetrable national security. For older Americans, it was Pearl Harbor reawakened. For younger Americans, like me, these were new sounds, new visions—new feelings.

During a recent trip to New York City, I felt a discomfort when seeing Sarge, a homeless veteran, huddled near ground zero. I again felt that same discomfort while staring into the cold empty crevasse behind him. I later realized how much the man and the victims of September 11 had in common; all paid the price for freedom... for being Americans.

All of my life, I've sat in the comfort of my secure home and watched televised scenes from distant lands of people whose loss of liberty meant the loss of life. But, until September 11th, I've never been truly touched by these images. Now, reflecting on September 11th and remembering Sarge near ground zero, I feel threatened... and grateful.

While flying home from New York, I thought about the generosity and patriotism following September 11th. I wondered about the flag in front of my home. Was I a good American or just part of a passing national fervor? What about Sarge? Outside the VA Hospital a sign reads, The Price of Freedom is Visible Here. According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, 40% of all homeless are veterans... just like Sarge.

In appreciating what it means to be an American, my brother and I brought flowers to the Idaho State Veterans Home. Inside, experts on the topic warmly shared their views: respect the flag, constitution and one-another; be faithful; appreciate blessings and liberties as well as those who sacrificed for them; learn from the past; confront mistakes and shortcomings—regardless the discomfort.

While driving away, we passed a white-haired man pushing a walker. When he smiled and flashed a thumbs up, something said to turn back. His name was Bernard Wolff (WWII-Army). Amid falling leaves and scurrying squirrels, we shared a bench while he recounted exciting, yet tragic memories. Softly, he said, "Nothing worthwhile in life is free—especially freedom. The price is how we live it; being informed, making votes count, finding common ground, not taking anything for granted... making sacrifices." He thanked us for making his day. But really, he made ours.

I will always remember where I was on the morning of September 11th. I will always remember Sarge sitting near ground zero. I will not allow my 9/11 patriotism to become a passing fad. I will regularly visit the Veterans Home with my violin ensemble and take moments out of my life to honor those who paid the ultimate price so this nation might remain a beacon of hope for all who value freedom, justice, and liberty. It is but a small price for me, but a huge part of what it means to be an American. Conquered and oppressed are countries who forget their heroes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PULITZER
PRIZE-WINNING CARTOONIST
BILL MAULDIN

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin.

Mr. Mauldin is best known for his cartoon "Willie and Joe" which was published in Stars and Stripes and other military newspapers. His cartoon of World War II infantrymen marching their way across Europe and surviving the enemy endeared him to thousands of soldiers.

Mr. Mauldin enlisted in 1940 and was assigned as a rifleman to the 180th Infantry. It was here where he started drawing cartoons and where he received his inspiration for "Willie and Joe." Five years later he won his first Pulitzer Prize.

He later worked for the Sun Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, where he won his second Pulitzer Prize.

Throughout his entire life, Mr. Mauldin continued to receive praise and gratitude for his inspirational cartoons. He was not only admired by soldiers, but by his community as well for bringing laughter and comfort during difficult times.

He will truly be missed.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS EAST
MEADOW—LEVITTOWN POST NO.
709: "CLASSMATES TODAY—
NEIGHBORS TOMORROW"

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of four students from the Fourth Congressional District of New York. On April 27, the students will be honored by the Jewish War Veterans East Meadow—Levittown Post No. 709 at their annual awards ceremony.

Jewish War Veterans Post No. 709 has an innovative program, Classmates Today—Neighbors Tomorrow. It encourages local high school students to become active in community service, and in return, the program enriches many generations. Classmates Today—Neighbors Tomorrow is just one example of how the Jewish War Veterans have proven their dedication to providing a variety of services to our community.

This year, Post No. 709 has recognized the outstanding community service efforts of four students from my community. Ian Dorfman, of W.T. Clarke High School, and Stephan Schwartz, of East Meadow High School, are two of the four 2003 recipients of the Jean R. Tint Memorial Brotherhood award. Brandon Weinberg, of W.T. Clarke High School, and Jayme Feldheim, of East Meadow High School, are the two 2003 recipients of the Mike Pahl Music Award.

All of these students are most deserving of this honor and recognition. Their dedication to our community is clear and consistent. I anticipate great contributions to Long Island from each student, given the high level of community service each student has conducted during their high school years. I know I will hear about their achievements in the years to come, but in the meantime, I wish Ian, Stephan, Brandon and Jayme good luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERTO CLEMENTE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, the following tribute to Roberto Clemente by Mr. Mayoral