

was quickly called up to active duty and served as Combat Information Center Officer on the Naval destroyers USS *DuPont* and USS *Albert David*. During his two-year Naval tenure, he earned the National Defense Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and he attained the rank of Lieutenant.

Bill's service to his country did not end when he left the military, but instead evolved into a lifetime of service in the classroom. After completing his California Teaching Credential from California State University, Long Beach, in June 1974, Bill went to work for the Los Angeles Unified School District where he taught English as a Second Language, English, history, and Chicano Studies from 1974 to 1996. From 1996 to the present, he has served as the Bilingual Program Coordinator at Wilson High School, which is attended by many students who reside in my district. Though he has spent his career as a teacher, Bill somehow found the time to be a student earning his Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from California State University, Los Angeles in 1988.

Bill Rumble has never pursued but has certainly earned recognition as a dedicated public servant, committed educator, and fighter for human dignity. But what sets him apart from many others, at least for me, is his devotion to and appreciation of his role as husband and father.

Bill had the good sense to marry Carol Jacques in August of 1981. Together they have three children: Lawrence, Mateo, and Maya. In her own right, Carol is a tireless and beloved advocate in our community. Together they have mastered the art of advocacy, and together they have shared in the fruits of their progressive work. Together, they are a powerful team.

Bill's 28 years with the schools of Los Angeles have been flush with positions of leadership, including Social Studies Department Chair during 1995–96, member of the Accreditations Committee during 1996–97, member of the Professional Development Committee during 2000–03, and member of the Academic Leadership Team during 2001–03. Furthermore, Bill played an active role with our local teachers union, the United Teachers of Los Angeles, in which he assumed several positions of leadership. Ultimately, however, Bill's first priority as a teacher was his genuine concern for the education, enrichment and well being of his students.

As a tireless volunteer, Bill has supported many local community-based organizations, including Art in the Park, the Northeast branch of the Los Angeles YMCA, the Mount Washington Residents Association, and the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council.

Bill's retirement marks the final chapter in a distinguished teaching career. But, if I know Bill, he's just getting started. I look forward to his continued service and devotion to our community. Just as his students needed him yesterday, we who believe in social activism and a commitment to social justice need him today.

Mr. Speaker, as family, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate Bill's many accomplishments, it is with great admiration and pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting this exceptional man and brother to many. America certainly got the best end of the bargain when it opened the

doors of education and public service to Bill Rumble.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICK LUPE

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a true American hero. Rick Lupe recently passed away from injuries sustained while battling a prescribed burn on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation near Whiteriver, Arizona. I am saddened by his death and would like to take a moment to reflect on the courage and leadership of this honorable and distinguished individual.

Rick previously made headlines during another fire that took place last summer. When the Rodeo-Chediski fire scorched much of Arizona, Rick engineered a fire line at the last minute, using a back burn and bulldozers that helped save the town of Show Low. Such acts of courage are no surprise to those who knew him. In nearly two decades of service to the Fort Apache Hotshot crew, Rick developed a reputation as a strong but quiet leader, a loyal colleague, and trusted friend.

Rick possessed courage and toughness to spare. While checking on a hot spot recently, the wind picked up and blew the flames around him. When the shelter he tried to deploy blew away, Rick dropped to the ground to allow the fire to pass over him. Even though the flames and heat scorched him, leaving 3rd degree burns over 40 percent of his body, he summoned the strength to walk a half-mile to get help. Even then, Rick held on for five weeks before leaving us. He will be especially missed by his beloved wife Evelyn and his children Brent, Sean, and Daniel. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to them during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Rick Lupe today. His immediate family will remember Rick for the loving husband and father that he was. The town of Show Low, the Fort Apache Hotshots, and this nation will remember Rick as the hero that he was. Rick dedicated his life to serving his nation and his fellow citizens. We will always be grateful.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOEL WILLARD

### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a member of my Washington, D.C., staff for his years of faithful service to me and to the good people of Oregon's Second Congressional District. Joel Willard has been my Executive Assistant for over 2 years, performing a myriad of responsibilities in a hectic environment with dedication and poise. It's a tough job, and he excelled at it. Joel will leave my office this week to continue his education as a law student at the University of California at Berkeley, where I have every confidence that he will dem-

onstrate the same talents that have made him such an invaluable member of my staff.

Mr. Speaker, Joel is a lifelong Oregonian and the son of a highly respected southern Oregon family. His father, Dave, is a long-time servant of the Oregon public school system and has worked for ten years as the Superintendent of the Phoenix-Talent School District. Joel's mother, Jana, is a homemaker who has returned to graduate school after raising her children. Like Joel, his brothers Chad and Gabe are fine young Oregonians with bright, promising futures. I am proud to call them my friends.

One of Joel's defining characteristics is his dedication to the people of his native state. Since his days in the Oregon State Legislature working for State Representative Rob Patridge, Joel has pursued his passion for public policy and public service from Salem to Washington, D.C. He came to the Nation's capital on a weekend's notice and brought with him both his love of Oregon and his reverence for the American system of government. I have no doubt that he will return to the West Coast with the same idealism that first inspired him to serve his fellow citizens.

Perhaps Joel's most impressive trait is his deep religious faith and personal commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Prior to his marriage, Joel lived in a home for Christian men on Capitol Hill called Jonathan House, where he enjoyed the company of young professionals who shared his moral convictions and dedication to the Christian church. Joel's unwavering devotion to his beliefs, in an age when so many young people lack a guiding moral compass, has deeply impressed me and those with whom he has worked.

Mr. Speaker, in July of last year, I had the honor of attending Joel's wedding to his lovely bride, the former Elizabeth Horton, who has been at Joel's side since their early teens. Elizabeth, also a lifelong Oregonian, has made her love of children a career as an elementary school teacher, a calling for which she is particularly well suited. Joel and Elizabeth are the sort of people that parents want their children to grow up to be, and it gives me great pleasure to know that they will share their lives together.

Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that Joel will be difficult to replace. If you were to poll my staff, they would be unanimous in their regret at his departure, as he has been a reliable coworker and caring friend. While we are sorry to see him depart the office, we are happy to watch him enter a new phase in his life that I know will bring both great challenges and great rewards. I have no doubt that he will do as well pursuing a legal career as he has done in his work on behalf of the people of the Second District. Joel, thank you for a job well done, and know that you are leaving my office with my deepest gratitude and that of the people you have so ably helped me to represent. We're counting on you to keep in close touch.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

### HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2003*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is an outrage that we are today considering a military