

than 2 years to live, he decided to fight it. And fight he did. I am pleased that today, at age 71, he still is fighting, despite enduring constant pain. Jim has refused to let his disease define him and instead has made his mark on the world and those around him.

Jim raised three children and now is a grandfather to nine grandchildren. He attends Lions Club lunches and meetings of the South Florida Baptist Hospital Board on which he serves. He also attends First Baptist Church of Plant City every Sunday, where he serves as a deacon. In addition, he gets to work at 7:30 every morning, and as he says, thanks "the good Lord for giving me another day."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to know Jim Redman and to represent him and his family in Congress. He continues to live his life with grace, dignity, courage, and the can-do attitude from which we all could learn.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MISSOURI POLICE OFFICER DEPUTY DANIEL JAMES PERCIVAL

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the life of Deputy Daniel James Percival. His life, though tragically cut short, was enriched by numerous accomplishments in his career, and a loving, caring family.

Daniel served the Elbert County Sheriff's Department with dignity and passion. He was a big guy, towering over most at 6'8" tall with size 18 shoes and was fondly referred to as the "gentle giant." He was recruited for a career with the NFL, however Daniel wanted a career where he could serve and protect people and this is a true testament to the type of person that he was. On October 31, 1996, Daniel was shot and killed in the line of duty, at the young age of 21.

Daniel is survived by his loving parents, James and Sharon, and his sister Erin. It is my hopes that his family will always remember how passionate he was about his job and how diligently he served the people of Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you help me in recognizing and remembering Deputy Daniel James Percival, his accomplished career, and the remarkable family he leaves behind. God bless them.

RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE FIRE SAFETY ACT

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the work of the Rhode Island General Assembly for passage of the Comprehensive Fire Safety Act and to urge other States to update their fire codes to modern standards. The Comprehensive Fire Safety Act, which was signed into law by Gov. Donald Carcieri on July 7, 2003, updates the Rhode Island Fire Code to reduce the chance of future fire-related tragedies. The legislation is the result of months of work by a 17-member legislation

commission, and it passed the State House and Senate unanimously last month.

This sweeping legislation is a timely, well thought out response to the West Warwick, RI, nightclub disaster that tragically killed 100 concertgoers on February 20, 2003. This was the deadliest fire in Rhode Island history and resulted from the use of pyrotechnics in a building that was not equipped with sprinklers or easily accessible exits.

The Comprehensive Fire Safety Act adopts the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) fire codes for new and existing buildings. This will end the State's grandfather clause that exempted older structures from meeting the State fire code. In addition, sprinklers will be required in more public buildings, a critical provision considering that the NFPA has no record of a fire killing more than two people in a completely sprinklered public building. In addition, the law bans most indoor pyrotechnics and expands the power of fire inspectors.

I hope other States will act to update their fire codes before similar tragedies strike. Enough lives have been lost in fires already. I also urge my colleagues to join me in co-sponsoring H.R. 1824, the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2003. This legislation provides a tax credit to businesses that choose to install fire sprinklers, thus helping to offset the cost of State mandates and encouraging buildings to exceed local fire codes for the safety of the occupants.

While nothing can be done to bring back the victims from this horrific tragedy, the Rhode Island government has honored the victims of this disaster by working to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future, and I applaud the State for its efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, July 8, 2003, a horrible tragedy occurred in my congressional district which caused me to miss the evening's votes, most noteworthy the Department of Defense Appropriation Act for 2004.

A gunman entered the Lockheed Martin plant in Meridian, MS, and conducted a thoughtless and sickening shooting spree, wounding nine people and killing five. I felt it important that I be with the victims of this senseless tragedy to offer support and comfort.

The families and friends of these victims are undergoing tremendous heartache and confusion as a result of this terrible act of violence. I would request the thoughts and prayers from the members of this body as we struggle to cope with this tragic incident.

While I regret missing these votes, my duties required that I be with my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 334, 335, and 336.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID BYRNES

**HON. AMO HOUGHTON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, as the Senior Marine in the Congress, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel David Byrnes, United States Marine Corps, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty. Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes has served our Marine Corps and our great Nation for more than a quarter of a century.

A native of my home state, Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes grew up in Stoneybrook, New York. After graduating from Smithtown High School in 1977, a young David Byrnes followed in the footsteps of several great generations of New Yorkers and enlisted in the military. Like a few good New Yorkers before him he chose a challenging path—the Marine Corps. Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes' service as an enlisted aircraft technician took him from Memphis, Tennessee, to Beaufort, South Carolina, and eventually to Jacksonville, North Carolina.

In 1981, after these successful tours, Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes continued to excel and take on greater challenges, transferring to the reserves to attend Dowling College in Oakdale, New York, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1982. By 1984 he had earned a commission as an Officer of Marines. From 1985 to 2000, Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes served in many of my colleagues' home states including South Carolina, New York, Kansas, Oregon, Virginia, and Louisiana. As a testament to his talent and versatility Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes earned three military occupational specialties during these tours, including Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Adjutant, and Legal Officer. He served with distinction and honor in all of these roles. In 2000, Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes was selected to attend the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where he earned a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He immediately put this education to use serving in the J8 Forces Division on the Joint Staff, where he had responsibilities for the Secretary of Defense's Annual Report to the President and the Congress.

After his joint staff tour, Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes began his last tour of duty in the Marine Corps—serving in the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs. In this position he interacted with the Congress to explain Reserve Affairs to Congressional Members and their staffs. This was a position of enormous responsibility, made all the more so because of the ongoing War on Terror, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, which have all called for a large measure of devotion from our reserve forces. Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes has performed this highly challenging and difficult task flawlessly, always providing wise counsel and plain speaking. We have been fortunate to have such a capable Marine officer interact with us.

Throughout his career, Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes has demonstrated strong character, discerning wisdom, and a sincere, selfless sense of duty to his Marines. In recognition of his devotion to duty and exemplary performance Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes was awarded

the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 2 stars and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

On behalf of all my colleagues, I would like to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Byrnes' accomplishments and his devoted service to the Nation. Congratulations to Dave, his wife Quinn, and son Charlie, on the completion of a long and distinguished career. I wish them all the best as they continue to live life beyond our beloved Corps.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH  
CUBAN PRISONER OF CON-  
SCIENCE RAFAEL IBARRA

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, every week I rise to speak about the brave men and women who are languishing in prisons in totalitarian Cuba, that island that has been for 44 years oppressed by a totalitarian dictator. Each week I bring forth specific cases to remind our colleagues and all those who will listen about the horrors taking place just 90 miles from the shores of the United States.

This week, I rise to speak about Rafael Ibarra. Rafael Ibarra heads the 30th of November Democratic Party, an island wide opposition movement to the Castro tyranny. In 1994 he was sentenced to 20 years in prison and is currently at the prison known as Combinado del Este, after having spent 3 years in an isolation cell in Camaguey, hundreds of miles from his family. In 1997 his wife at the time, Maritza Lugo, also a highly respected pro-democracy activist, was arrested and incarcerated for 2 years; leaving their two daughters without their parents. On multiple occasions after 1999, Maritza would continue to be arrested and harassed by the Castro regime. Even when Maritza and Rafael were in prison at the same time, the dictator, Fidel Castro, sought to evict their two girls from their small farm house, which had become a gathering point for human rights and pro-democracy meetings.

Rafael Ibarra was one of the political prisoners who recently signed the Cuban flag painted on a pillow case and sent it to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Maritza and her two daughters, at Rafael's request, fled Cuba as refugees in 2002 to the United States so that the two girls would be able to live in freedom.

Next year will mark 10 years that Rafael has been imprisoned. While other fathers have been able to watch and guide their daughters as they grow up, Rafael has been confined in Castro's Gulag for daring to work on behalf of a democratic Cuba.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him, as is our solidarity and our profound admiration.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR JAMES  
EWALD OF THE MICHIGAN AIR  
NATIONAL GUARD

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a Michigan National Guardsman who demonstrated exceptional bravery and prudent skill during the war in Iraq.

Major James Ewald, a Michigan native and pilot in the Michigan Air National Guard 110th Fighter wing, acted decisively when his Close Air Support aircraft was struck by a surface-to-air missile while flying over Baghdad on April 8, 2003. He had been part of a mission to provide critical intelligence about Iraqi ambush when the enemy missile left his aircraft barely flyable.

Instead of succumbing to what could have been deemed a hopeless situation, Major Ewald expertly flew the wounded aircraft for 12 more minutes and completed vital battle damage checklists, identified critical aircraft system operations, made tentative plans for aircraft recovery, and gathered information about threats affecting future Close Air Support operations. His fourteen years of military experience and natural abilities allowed him to parachute out of the faltering aircraft injury free. He then strategically hid amongst the thick Iraqi foliage from imminent capture until U.S. Army forces rescued him fifteen minutes later.

I am extremely proud of Major Ewald for his service to our nation. He has shown courage and dedication to performing the job for which he has been well-trained by the Michigan Air National Guard. I am pleased today to offer him my most sincere commendation.

IN HONOR OF MS. DOROTHY  
ANDERSON CLARK

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the late Dorothy Anderson Clark, a dear friend to New Jersey's sixth congressional district. Ms. Clark, who was a resident of Asbury Park, was well known throughout the community and will be sorely missed by her friends, family, and neighbors.

Dorothy Clark was a truly remarkable individual, who was admired for her many years of community service. During World War II, she was a pioneer of the American Women Volunteers of Long Branch where she provided locally relevant humanitarian services that helped people within the community be safer and healthier. Later, Ms. Clark was honored with a well-deserved Certification of Meritorious Service from the Red Cross for her volunteer work during the war. Despite the arduous nature of her work, Ms. Clark continued to volunteer her services after the war ended.

In addition to her dedication surrounding the war effort, Dorothy Clark also volunteered her services to various community organizations. She was an active member of the Order Eastern Star, Naomi Chapter 8 of the United Ma-

sonic Brotherhood Incorporated of Neptune. Recently, Ms. Clark was given an award for her work with the Seacoast Association, as well as an award lauding her fifty years of devoted service to the Second Baptist Church of Monmouth.

Mr. Speaker, Dorothy Anderson Clark was clearly an exceptional woman who touched the lives of young and old throughout her community. Both to her friends and family, as well as the sixth congressional district, Ms. Clark was an exceptional person whose volunteer work was an extension of her patriotic spirit and kindhearted character. On this day, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this truly extraordinary individual.

OPENING OF THE LINES OF  
VIOLATION EXHIBITION

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the Lines of Violation exhibition at the Free Library of Philadelphia. Organized by the Women's Development Institute International, the Asian American Women's Coalition, and the Philadelphia Branch of the American Association of University Women, this exhibition will showcase British artist Andrew Ward's sculptural piece Lines of Violation. This contemporary work of art memorializes the indignity suffered by 200,000 "comfort women" in Asia before and during World War II.

These women were ordinary civilians—some of whom were young girls who had barely reached adolescence, others of whom were married women with children at home—who were forced into prostitution by the Japanese Imperial Army. Most of these victims were Korean nationals, but they included Japanese, Chinese, Taiwanese, Indonesian, Burmese, Pacific Islander, and even American women as well.

Life in the so-called "comfort houses" established in the wake of the Japanese warpath was agonizing. The women there were raped multiple times each day, often contracting debilitating sexually transmitted diseases while suffering all the mental and emotional repercussions of their dehumanization. Many women lost their fertility; some committed suicide. The comfort houses' proximity to the hostilities on the surrounding battlefields compounded the comfort women's misery and fear.

Those women who managed to survive and return to their homes after the war had believed that they would be compensated for their labor, but payment never came. While a number of former comfort women have filed lawsuits against the perpetrators of these unspeakable crimes, virtually none have succeeded in securing either a formal apology or monetary compensation. Even to this day the vast majority of former comfort women have not received the atonement payments that they were promised by the Japanese government in 1995.

The injustice that these victims have suffered prompted the United Nations to send artist Andrew Ward to Asia in 1998 to interview 52 former comfort women. At once horrified