

Army granted a waiver and Capt. Burlingame was interred at Arlington in December 2001.

Similarly, I see no reason why a reservist's eligibility for burial at Arlington should be based on whether that person was or was not in training status when he or she died in the line of duty. In today's military, there is often no practical difference.

This bill would revise existing law by eliminating the requirement that retired reservists be in receipt of their retirement pay to be eligible for in-ground burial at Arlington. Reservists must be 60 years old to receive retirement pay; reservist retirees who fall into this category are often referred to as being in the "grey zone." The bill would also make eligible for in-ground burial reservists who die in the line of duty during active or inactive training.

Mr. Speaker, in recent years, reservists have been increasingly called upon to participate on active duty for extended periods to support the national defense. As the recent actions in Afghanistan and Iraq clearly demonstrate, reservists play a major role in the modern total force concept—we are unable to go to war without mobilizing reservists right from the start. Let's pass this bill and truly honor those men and women who put their civilian lives on hold to serve in our Armed Forces on behalf of the United States of America.

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TRIBUTE TO MAJOR DENNIS  
ADOMATIS

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Dennis P. Adomatis upon his retirement from the United States Army after more than 21 years of outstanding service to our country. After his effective retirement at the end of 2003, Major Adomatis will reside in my Congressional district.

Major Dennis P. Adomatis has distinguished himself throughout his military service in challenging and diverse assignments. Throughout his remarkable career, he has received many medals and awards for his ability to lead by example, encourage excellence from his peers and subordinates, effectively manage the Army's resources, and consistently produce outstanding results. I commend Major Adomatis for his ability to energize a diverse staff toward a common purpose, setting high standards and inspiring his staff to achieve them.

Major Adomatis has been assigned to several key military positions throughout his career, which culminated as the Assistant Product Manager for Fielding and Integration for Air and Missile Defense Command and Control Systems Product Office in Madison, AL., a position he has held since 2001. It is in this role that Major Adomatis will leave an enduring mark on the future of our Army.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of North Alabama, I congratulate Major Adomatis for his 21 years of service to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY PRUSSIN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, Dynamic social activist, tireless volunteer, caring mother, innovative supporter, teacher—Shirley Prussin has filled many shoes during her time in the Monterey Peninsula. Today, however, I rise to recognize Shirley in another role, as a close and dear friend. Sadly, after a rich three decades on the Central Coast of California, Shirley has decided to move to Florida. I cannot overstate her importance in my life. Her departure marks a tremendous loss for our community.

Shirley's life and accomplishments on the Central Coast have helped hundreds, if not thousands of people in the area. Shirley has had a leadership role in countless organizations that affect the citizenry of the Monterey Peninsula profoundly: the ACLU, the Democratic Woman's Club, the Reproductive Rights Coalition, the YWCA, Planned Parenthood—it's impossible to name all the groups that she has lent her leadership and support.

As an advocate for human rights and political activism, Shirley's commitment to grassroots politics is truly an inspiration. Shirley's political resume dates back to 1947; while in Southern California, she worked for Tome Rees' race for State Assembly. Since then, here dedication to social justice and a better world has led her to work on, and in many cases lead, numberless community-based organizations.

Shirley's kindness, compassion and empathy for her fellow community members remains unparalleled. It's difficult to express how deeply her loss will affect me, but I would like to wish her well with the rest of her life's journeys. Somewhere in Florida, there's an extremely lucky community that is about to receive an amazing person, and I am sad to see her go.

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RECOGNIZING ILLINOIS SUPER-  
INTENDENT OF THE YEAR DR.  
JAMES ROSBORG, SUPER-  
INTENDENT OF BELLEVILLE, IL-  
LINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. James Rosborg, Superintendent of Belleville Public School District No. 118 and his being named the State of Illinois School Superintendent of the Year.

In his tenth year as superintendent, James Rosborg has achieved success by consistently building a climate of collaboration with teachers, students, the school board, parents, and community leaders to benefit all students in his district. These efforts have resulted in some of the highest school district test scores in the State of Illinois. In addition, Belleville District No. 118 schools have received Golden Spike Awards, State and National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards, the national AFT-Saturn/UAW Collaboration Award, and most recently,

the Northern Illinois University's Spotlight Awards for their academic achievement.

Dr. Rosborg is no stranger to awards and commendations. He is a past recipient of the Illinois Master Teacher Award, the Illinois State Board of Education "Those Who Excel" Award, the Illinois State Board of Education "Break the Mold" Award, and the Boy Scouts of America's Russell C. Hill Award for outstanding contribution to character education. This year he was selected as the 2004 Illinois School Superintendent of the Year and will join representatives of all 50 States and U.S. overseas schools in the National Superintendent of the Year award competition in February 2004.

The key to Jim's success is his capacity to help every student achieve, regardless of ability. He takes the opportunity to meet with children, read to them, and listen to what they have to say. Jim operates under the principle that each of his actions as superintendent should be based on "what's best for the kids." He also draws on his vast experience in education serving as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, principal, and assistant superintendent before assuming the position as superintendent. The Illinois Association of School Administrators has recognized his strong leadership skills by selecting him as Illinois' Superintendent of the Year.

His service extends beyond District No. 118 boundaries. Dr. Rosborg has served as an adjunct college professor to both St. Louis University and Lindenwood University. He is the Illinois Association of School Administrators' representative on the State Test Task Force concerning the No Child Left Behind Act and serves on the Illinois Association of School Administrators Board of Directors. Further, Dr. Rosborg leads an educational team in District No. 118 that has been recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and the Belleville News-Democrat for high state test scores and quality instructional programs. In addition, he collaborated on a textbook, "What Every Superintendent and Principal Needs to Know", which was co-authored with Dr. Max McGee and Mr. Jim Burgett.

Under his guidance and direction, the district has completed five new buildings and provided computers in every classroom and computer labs in every school. In addition, all 12 facilities in the district are air-conditioned, when just 5 years ago, only two of the facilities had air-conditioning.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Rosborg has the uncanny ability to communicate effectively and always encourages others to take ownership of the educational process. He is a great advocate for children, families and what is right. He leads by example and puts his own family and faith in everything he does. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service and the achievements of Dr. Jim Rosborg and wish him and his family the best in the future.

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HONORING ROY PARKE, JR.

**HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roy Parke, Jr., a friend, constituent,