

young man from my Congressional District, Tyron Morrison of Woodland Hills High School. Tyron is the winner in the 2004 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery."

Tyron's piece, entitled, "T.L.," is an impressive portrait in acrylic paint of a young man's face, with a strong use of highlight and shadow.

Tyron's artwork was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition. I am certain that his family is proud of her artistic talents as well as this accomplishment.

It gives me great pride and pleasure that Tyron's painting will be representing the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be set up in the United States Capitol in the coming weeks. The winners of the Congressional Art Competitions held in each Congressional District will be displayed in that exhibit.

I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Tyron's artwork, along with all of the other winning artwork that will be on display throughout the next year. It is truly amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

I would also like to recognize all the other participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." I would like to thank these vibrant young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

FALLEN HEROS

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Private First Class Chance Phelps.

PFC Phelps, who spent much of his youth in Dubois, Wyoming, died in service to his country near Baghdad on April 9, 2004, Good Friday.

Chance, just 19, had been in Iraq for a month as part of the 1st Marine Division, based at Twentynine Palms, California. He volunteered for the mission during which he was fatally wounded, serving as a machine gunner on an escort vehicle for an Army convoy from the Syrian border to Baghdad. Chance demonstrated incredible valor and courage and will appropriately be awarded the Purple Heart.

As his mother, Gretchen Mack, noted, Chance didn't have to be a Marine, he wanted to be a Marine. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, his greatest desire was to serve his country and fight to preserve America's freedom and liberty. He did it. Both his father, John Phelps, and his mother are firm in their conviction that he willingly made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country.

Like many Wyoming children, Chance spent time hunting, fishing and working cows at a friend's ranch. A true All-American boy, he was a star football player who made friends easily. He leaves behind a large, loving family and many friends who will miss him dearly.

The way people felt about Chance was clear at his funeral service in Dubois. Hundreds of people lined the main street, young and old, each person holding aloft an American flag as Chance was carried to his final resting place in a horse-drawn carriage. It was a spontaneous demonstration of the love and admiration Chance inspired in anyone he met, and a testament to the sense of loss, and undying love of our country, that we all feel now that he's gone.

Chance will be sorely missed, but he will forever remain a hero in the hearts of the people of Wyoming.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, on this Memorial Day we honor the sacrifices of a new generation of heroes who gave their lives unselfishly for the safety and security of our Nation and our world.

Private Jim Hergott is one of these brave young Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of democracy, freedom, and liberty.

Last July, Private Jim Hergott became the first Minnesotan killed in action in Iraq. A graduate of Shakopee High School, Private Hergott was struck by a sniper while guarding the National Building Museum in Baghdad.

Private Hergott has set an example of service to which few will be called and for which all are grateful. Jim Hergott will be missed, but his contributions endure.

We enjoy the blessings of living in America as a result of men and women throughout our Nation's history who toiled, sacrificed, and struggled to ensure we would have an unparalleled quality of life.

These blessings remain with us today as a result of the men and women who continue to toil, struggle, and sacrifice on our behalf.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Private Hergott and all of the fallen heroes of this generation and those who came before. I ask you to join me in honoring Private Hergott and remembering his fellow heroes to whom we owe so much.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Billie L. Miller for his dedication to his country and exemplary service during World War II. I commend Mr. Miller for his commitment to liberty and justice and for his dutiful service in carrying freedom to the world.

World War II is filled with stories of heroism, selflessness, patriotism and a relentless desire to secure a peaceful and prosperous future for the United States of America and the international community. Brave men left their ordinary lives in order to serve a cause greater than themselves. Mr. Miller was among those great men to take up the call of service and sacrifice.

A man of courage, Mr. Miller served in the 92nd Bombardment Group as a stealth gunner on a B-17 bomber and participated in numerous flying military missions. As a prisoner of war, captured by the enemy, he was forced to trudge alongside his American comrades during an 86 day, 488 mile march from Gross Tychon, Poland to Halle, Germany. A true guardian of freedom, Mr. Miller kept his morale high and persevered, earning several honorary medals and helping America achieve greatness.

I am often reminded that our country has been blessed with great people and leaders; Americans who rose to the challenge when their country was in need. I take great pride in representing a district with so many heroes.

In June of this year, the Slippery Rock Area High School of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District will honor Mr. Miller for his service and bravery during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. Miller for his dedicated service to our country. The spirit of his sacrifice lives on in the strength of the United States of America.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, today we honor those men and women who have fought and died for the cause of freedom. The cost of freedom is not small, and throughout history our nation has risen to accept this mortal cost so that our fellow citizens of the world could be free.

This generation of Americans, like the generations before, has been called on to serve our great nation with honor, upholding our ideals for people at home and around the world. We are in debt to our brave men and women in uniform who have heeded the call to service in conflicts around the world throughout history, most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today on the floor of the people's House, we pause to offer a special tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation. Our brave men and women in uniform selflessly sacrifice their own tomorrows so that we may live in freedom. Their families, and especially their children, make sacrifices for us too. As these children grow into young men and women, we need to remind them that their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their parents were not made in vain. We must remind them that as the Bible says, "in the path of righteousness there is life, [and] in walking its path there is no death". Most important, we need to remind them that they are the inspiration for their parents' sacrifices; that their parents sacrifice so that they and their children and grandchildren may know the blessings of liberty.