

protecting the United States from terrorism and bringing freedom and democracy to the people of Iraq who have only known tyranny.

Known for his infectious good humor, Schrage was fondly remembered by many of the members from his unit in letters written to his mother and father, Nina and Preston Schrage.

A devoted Marine and true patriot, it has been said of Corporal Schrage that he was one of a kind, possessing a quick wit and displaying a unique talent. His ultimate sacrifice for his country will long be remembered.

President Lincoln once wrote that as a nation we should "have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty." Dustin dared to do his duty and in so doing he gave the ultimate sacrifice for our continued freedom. We owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
CHESTER L. COLLINS FOR EARN-
ING THE PHILIPPINE LIBERA-
TION MEDAL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Chester L. Collins of Chillicothe, Ohio honorably served his country in the United States Navy during World War II; and

Whereas, Chester L. Collins has earned the Philippine Liberation Medal for the exceptional service he provided his country, his fellow service members, and the Philippine islands; and

Whereas, Chester L. Collins' bravery and courage are exemplified in the Philippine Liberation Medal and the many other military decorations presented him;

Therefore, I join with the residents of Ross County, members of VFW Post 108, and the entire 18th District of Ohio in commending Chester L. Collins upon receiving the Philippine Liberation Medal.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS
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HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Penaskovic for years of dedicated public service to this nation and his community. Mr. Penaskovic was honored by the Marine Corps League, Bayonne Detachment on Monday, May 31, 2004, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. Penaskovic was selected as the 2004 recipient of the Lance Corporal Stanley Kopcinski Award, which is named in honor of Stanley Kopcinski, a Marine from Bayonne who died in the Vietnam War. The award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions in the veteran community and to the City of Bayonne. This year, the Bayonne Detachment of the Marine Corps League unanimously selected Thomas

Penaskovic as the 38th recipient, for his outstanding commitment to the community.

Mr. Penaskovic enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on June, 30, 1966. After completing basic training, he served one tour in the Republic of Vietnam, from January 1967 through February 1968, after which he was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal.

After completing his military service, Mr. Penaskovic became a catalyst in assisting other veterans and the community as a whole. He served as Commandant of the Bayonne Detachment, Marine Corps League, is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 226, and is a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 5.

Mr. Penaskovic has been an integral part of the Annual Toy Drive by the Marine Corps League, volunteering for over twenty years, and providing underprivileged children gifts during the holidays. He has also tallied over one thousand hours of volunteer service at the Bayonne Medical Center.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Thomas Penaskovic for his distinguished military service, his outstanding leadership and devotion to the veteran community, and his dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of Bayonne.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE FORTUNA VOLUN-
TEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department in Humboldt County, California.

The members of the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department, organized on June 20, 1904, are dedicated to the protection and preservation of life and property when threatened by the perils of fire.

In 1932 the Fire Department became a fire protection district to better serve the people of this spectacular part of the Redwood Empire. In 1957 the district expanded its services with the addition of a second fire station in Hydesville. In 1967 a third fire station was formed in Campton Heights. A new main station was opened in Fortuna in 1998.

The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department currently consists of a force of 68 people at three fire stations covering 26 square miles and protecting a population of more than 20,000 people. Each member completes a minimum of 156 hours of training.

The members of the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department provide fire prevention, education for students in local schools and residents of senior care homes. The volunteers maintain an on-going disaster preparedness program and serve the community with fire prevention inspections of new construction, day care facilities, senior care facilities and schools. In addition, members hold scholarship fundraisers, take part in Christmas programs serving needy families and handicapped children.

The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department is a vital part of the life of our Eel River Valley community.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARYANNE
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HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifelong service of Dr. Maryanne Longo. Dr. Longo has been an important participant in the education system of the City of Philadelphia for the past 35 years.

Dr. Longo has served as a loyal leader of William H. Hunter Elementary School. She has proved her self able to juggle the role of both educator and student in that she earned a doctoral degree from Temple University while serving as an elementary classroom instructor. Dr. Longo's pursuit of the establishment of a positive educational foundation for the youth of Philadelphia, led her down a path that extended beyond the boundaries of classroom walls and into the community. She has received many honorable awards during her years of service and remains a positive role model for the young inner-city children.

Dr. Longo has set an admirable standard for new teachers on the verge of beginning their educational journey. She is a primary example of what a teacher and a leader of a community should strive to contribute in order to positively influence the lives of those around them.

Dr. Longo will be honored by the City of Philadelphia Department of Education on the occasion of her retirement on June 4, 2004. To extend our utmost gratitude and thank Dr. Longo for her service, I ask that you and other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate her on her retirement today.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DOCTOR
ARLEE GRIFFIN, JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Doctor Arlee Griffin, Jr. in recognition of his dedication to his community through spiritual leadership and participation in numerous civic organizations.

Dr. Griffin is a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he was an honor graduate of Northeastern High School. He received scholarships to attend the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Zoology. Later, he attended Shaw Divinity School, earning a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done additional study at East Carolina University, Oxford University in Oxford, England and New York University. In May 1988, he graduated from Boston University with the Doctor of Ministry degree. In April 1992, Shaw Divinity awarded him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

For nearly ten years, Dr. Griffin served as Pastor of the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist