

of Directors of the Friends of Seniors for 4 years. He also was a co-founder and member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for 10 years, and served on the West Springfield Veterans Council for 2 years. Always staying involved in politics, Dr. Conlin served 30 years on the Republican Town Committee.

Dr. Conlin is a citizen of Springfield that we are extremely proud of and we wish him nothing but the best in his retirement. Dr. Conlin has been a member of St. Thomas Church for 50 years. He has been blessed with his wife the former Barbara Crowley for 26 years, and has one son, Rick, who currently attends Temple University School of Medicine. We wish you the best of luck and good health Dr. Conlin.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CONSTANCE  
SCOTT SOLOMON IN HER RE-  
TIREMENT

**HON. JOEL HEFLEY**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2004*

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to celebrate and commemorate the career of my good friend and Chief of Staff of 11 years, Constance Scott Solomon, who has recently retired from 20 years of selfless public service to the people of Colorado.

Originally from Kansas, Ms. Solomon earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Arts degree in Special Education from the University of Kansas where she was a proud member of the University of Kansas Chapter of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. After moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado, she began working for U.S. Senator William Armstrong. While serving as his Area Director, she so greatly endeared herself to Coloradans by her dedication, that 20 years later, Senator Armstrong is still thanked for and reminded of Ms. Solomon's help and assistance by those she aided in their time of need.

Following Senator Armstrong's retirement, Ms. Solomon continued to stay active in Colorado politics and joined the staff of newly elected Senator Hank Brown. She rose in the ranks and assumed the position of Area Director for southern Colorado. Again her patience and hard work are remembered years later.

In 1993, I was pleased to have Ms. Solomon join my staff and assume the duties of Chief of Staff. She has worked tirelessly for so many years to assist the people of Colorado's 5th Congressional District through both legislation and case work.

Aside from public service, Ms. Solomon has served as Director of Pre-School for Downs Syndrome Children in Teller County, Colorado; Director and Coordinator for Homebound-Hospital Program in Wyandotte County, Kansas; Director of the University of Kansas Medical Center Hospital's Teenage Parents School; and taught first-grade in Kansas City, Missouri.

Ms. Solomon has dedicated her life and professional careers to assisting and improving the lives of others. Her perseverance and commitment to her fellow man is certainly uncommon and I, as well as the people of southern Colorado will surely miss a truly unique and compassionate friend. I wish Ms. Solomon the best in her retirement and thank her for all her years of service.

SOLILOQUY

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2004*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, one of my constituents has written a poem that showcases our Nation's flag in a glorifying manner. Mr. Victor Miller of Madisonville, Tennessee, is the author of a poem titled "Soliloquy." Mr. Miller is the son of Jeanette Miller, who passed this poem along to me. Our country's morale and heritage is strong today because of patriots like Victor Miller. I would like to call "Soliloquy" and its interpretation to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

INTERPRETATION OF SOLILOQUY

I pray this poetic edification enhances your respect for the flag from Memorial Day through Veterans Day, but more significantly, enamors your appreciations for the risen Son of God. If revered as Old Glory, "God Bless America" will enrich all our personal, domestic & international pursuits exceedingly beyond our imaginations in continual abundance if, "In God We Trust." The Lord in the USA is a bipartisan, consuming Spirit of Holiness & Power! In Christ, "Thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph" (2 Cor. 2:14).

"Imagine as a flag (Christ) on all folks (souls) passing by with edifying waves (love) influencing (redeeming) their lives."

The essence of duty to God & country He epitomized when his ascension secured for all, Independence! In Christ are "opportunities, honor, recognition, patriotism & liberated freedoms." We're told to "stand fast in the liberty in which Christ has made us free" (Gal. 5:1). With Jesus, we're more than winners, we're "conquerors" (Rom. 8:37). The USA thrives prestigiously, powerfully & prosperously because of our humility in embracing the risen Intercessor for all humanity. His triumphant valor extends to whosoever will. "The Glory in your stripes" belongs exclusively to Jesus Christ. May we forever abstain from worshipping entombed doctrines because if we forsake his sovereignty he will abandon his favor upon the USA. He tells us in his word, "No greater sacrifice exists than to give ones' life for a friend" (John 15:13). Emulating this virtue honors our Savior & rewards us blessings. Our allegiance he is worthy of, as too our "tribute" & service. Let's pray America "valiantly" & steadfastly adheres to his "esteemed" righteousness so our liberties are preserved. "The Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor. 3:17). The colonists were wise in understanding & adopting our Constitution upon biblical integrity. Indigenous to our country it is not but we have progressively strengthened since its inception as a nation because of their keen & humble foresight in acknowledging & incorporating in our executive, legislative & judicial structures his pre-eminence. Soliloquy was penned in Luray, Virginia in April 1999. I worked for the Shenandoah National Park. On this particular morning while walking to the car I heard the vigorous, insistent "waving" of Old Glory in the blustery air. The owners of the Cardinal Inn always flew a large flag from their rock garden. As I turned to "observe" the Holy Spirit spoke:

I am your Leader, your Warrior, your Friend & Victor. You are adopted into the Almighty Army of God."

America owns patriotism as a majority but is loyalty void of Christ efficacious or self-promoting? Most citizens defend the sanctity of their flag tenaciously when affronted by another. Almost universally, it flies proudly from homes, schools, parks, libraries, cemeteries, vehicles, courts, businesses & even dons our clothing. It is a rallying, focal point of inspiration in times of crisis, mourning & festivities: Higher than all other flags, it "reigns!" Holidays confirm our gratitude for the military dives spent & lost defending its cause of unanimous liberation around the globe against oppression & persecution. Membership in our armed forces always begins at conscription with a sworn vow of allegiance. Patriotism isn't predicated on military service but whenever iniquitous aggression asserts itself against integrity. "When our cause is just... 'In God is our trust!'" is how Francis Scott Key so zealously in 1814 proclaimed. Honest defense of righteous liberties is not immune to costs but "abiding in the shadow of the Almighty" (Ps.91) secures for all patriots ultimate victory. Jesus is not envious or jealous of anything, except his glory. He is however, deserving & desirous of greater, adulation & duty. May Soliloquy serve all of God's children with victorious knowledge & hope from his Holy Spirit so we continue shining in the world as a beacon of his omnipotent Love, just as a "rushing mighty wind" beautifies Old Glory!

SOLILOQUY

Imagine as a flag  
on all folks passing by  
with edifying waves  
influencing their lives!

A patriotic stance  
of opportunities  
advocating freedoms  
by land, the air & sea.

Esteemed a lofty reign  
& honored to belong  
all would offer tribules  
in oaths, salute or songs!

Recognition could abound  
for victories secured  
defending liberties  
despite many injured.

In each of fifty stars  
& elsewhere when observed  
the glory in your stripes  
would valiantly be served!

IN MEMORY OF BORDER PATROL  
AGENTS

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2004*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of two Border Patrol Agents, Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George P. Azrak, who were killed in the line of duty.

Theodore Newton and George Azrak were Border Patrol Agents stationed at the interior checkpoint in Temecula, California. On the evening of June 17, 1967, Agents Newton and Azrak were operating a rural checkpoint on Highway 79, approximately 30 miles south of Temecula. Agent Newton, 26 years old and married with two children, had been with the Border Patrol for a little over a year, while Agent Azrak, 21 years old, who was shadowing Agent Newton, hadn't even begun training at the academy. During their shift, they stopped an old military ambulance carrying two men when they discovered a shipment of more than 800 pounds of marijuana. As they