

A PROCLAMATION THANKING  
ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
DAVID E. DAVISSON FOR HIS  
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Army PFC David E. Davisson is serving the United States in South Korea as an office administration specialist of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade; and

Whereas, Army PFC David E. Davisson is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displays while serving our Nation; and

Whereas, Army PFC David E. Davisson is demonstrating a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence, and outstanding service;

Therefore, I join with the family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Army PFC David E. Davisson for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL  
ABRAHAM TURNER

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the outgoing Commanding General of the United States Army Training Center at Fort Jackson, SC, for his service to God and country, and his dedication to family and career. His leadership role at one of the military's largest training facilities has been greatly appreciated. BG Abraham Turner will be leaving his post this month to become Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training in Fort Monroe, VA, and the men and women in uniform at Fort Jackson owe a great debt of gratitude to this model soldier.

Since receiving his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps at South Carolina State University in 1976, Brigadier General Turner has earned some of the highest accolades of any Army officer. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Expert Infantry Badge.

Brigadier General Turner previously served in numerous positions at Fort Bragg, Fort Benning and West Point, where he was a Regimental Tactical Officer. He also served as Assistant Chief of Staff, C3, Operations, Coalition Forces Land Component Command at Camp Doha, Kuwait. His numerous combat assignments have included a 1989 deployment in Operation Just Cause in Panama, a year-long deployment in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm that ended in 1991, and, most recently, a deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom, where he served as part of C3, Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

Brigadier General Turner is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced

Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College. He earned a bachelor's degree in Music from South Carolina State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University. He and his wife Linda are the proud parents of three lovely children: April, Creighton and Jessica.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Brigadier General Turner, who embodies all the virtues of individual courage and sacrifice in defending global freedom for which the U.S. Army is so well known. I know he will continue to build an enviable legacy at Fort Monroe with the same fortitude and charisma that led him to such a successful tenure in his native South Carolina. I thank him for his service—at home and abroad. I am proud and we are fortunate to have him in the top ranks of our armed forces.

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR WILLIAM  
OGRODOWSKI

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Monsignor William Ogradowski, marking the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the Catholic priesthood.

This June, the Monsignor will celebrate the 30th anniversary of his ordination in 1975. For the last 30 years Monsignor Ogradowski has been a symbol of strength and a source of inspiration for not only the congregations of Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Francis Cabrini, but the entire Beaver County community as well. In order to mark this special occasion, parishioners met at Saints Peter and Paul in Beaver for an anniversary mass, followed by a dinner reception at Saints Francis Cabrini in Center Township. The Monsignor, joined in celebration by 14 fellow priests, commented that his favorite part of the priesthood was interacting with people.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Monsignor. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled clergyman as Monsignor William Ogradowski.

COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE  
SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I have just read the very disturbing cover story from the most recent edition of Fortune magazine. The cover headline reads: "America the 97 Lbs. Weakling?" The cover shows a picture of a strong China punching a weak Uncle Sam.

The facts in the article should sound the alarm across our country.

America is falling behind.

As chairman of the appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over NASA, NSF,

and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, I have had the opportunity to meet with leading groups of people who represent the science and technology sector in our nation.

Many will tell you that America is in a stall, and even more will tell you that America is in a decline, when it comes to global competition in science and technology.

None of these groups will tell you that America is doing well in this critical area.

The Fortune article points out that U.S. students have fallen behind.

America currently ranks 28th in the world in mathematical achievement among 15-year-olds.

The U.S. is graduating fewer and fewer engineers, with an estimated 70,000 this year, while China will graduate 600,000 and India 350,000. This is the generation we will look to to create a newer and better Internet, develop energy saving automobiles, or build a better iPod.

This is an issue directly tied to America's economy, and could well determine how—dare I say if—we maintain our quality of life and our very way of life.

Let me share with you a few more statistics: Patents awarded to U.S. companies/scientists—Down; Nobel prizes won by U.S. scientists—Down; scientific papers published by U.S. scientists—Down.

U.S. investment in research and development has stayed flat for the last three decades while growing significantly in places like China, India, Brazil and Israel. U.S. students are behind their counterparts in other countries in math and science, and some Asian countries are graduating more than four times as many engineers. U.S. 12th-graders ranked near the bottom of math and science testing scores, according to the third International Math and Science Study.

The proportion of U.S. graduates in science and engineering has declined 10 percent from 1994 to 2001 while the total number of undergraduate degrees awarded in the U.S. has increased 14 percentage points. The U.S. now awards more MBAs than math, science and engineering degrees. Ten years ago, Boeing produced nearly 60 percent of the world's commercial aircraft. Today, Boeing produces less than 40 percent.

This news should be the wake-up call to spur us into action to help America get back on track to keep our country as the world's innovation leader.

INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION

We must invest in innovation. Our Nation needs a commitment to fund its "Innovation Budget."

I have written the president about this issue and asked him to work to triple the Nation's innovation budget for Federal basic research and development over the next decade.

America needs to be mobilized, much like it was after Sputnik in the late 1950s.

The White House has to provide leadership. I believe Congress will support the effort.

Congress two years ago fulfilled the commitment to double NIH budget to jump-start work on medical research to help find cures to debilitating and fatal diseases. A similar commitment for the innovation budget should be made.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

Congress has laid the groundwork for addressing the innovation deficit through a provision in the supplemental appropriations bill