

STATEMENT OF ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF H.R. 810

### HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked the 1 year anniversary of House passage of H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Enhancement Act. Hundreds of patients, their loved ones, and advocates were here to remind the other body that we are still waiting for this research to move forward. We have not forgotten.

Every day scientists are breaking new ground in the study of stem cells and bringing new hope and possibility to finding cures for a variety of diseases. Parkinson's disease affects over 1 million Americans, and I am one of those patients. Parkinson's affects every day of my life.

When I was first diagnosed with this dreadful disease, I was told I would have been able to effectively manage my symptoms for a number of years. Unfortunately, in recent months, the symptoms have become more bothersome, and I have announced plans to retire at the end of this Congress. The decision to retire was a very sad one for me because I believe strongly in serving people.

But Parkinson's will not keep me down. I have been overwhelmed by the encouraging letters I have received from my constituents, colleagues and friends, veterans, and well-wishers from across the Nation. I am heartened by your calls and e-mails.

I have said before that having Parkinson's has made me a better Congressman, and it's true. I know first hand what people go through when battling illness or injury. This is why it is so important to pass a bill that will allow us to perform research on more stem cell lines.

It is past time to allow researchers and doctors access to study these important cells. Because embryonic stem cells are the only cells that have the ability to turn into any cell in the body, their potential should not be ignored. They hold not just the potential to provide direct treatments and cures for today's debilitating injuries and illnesses, but they hold the key to unlocking our understanding of how the body works at the most fundamental level.

Mr. Speaker, I will say again: Parkinson's will not keep me down. But as I know first-hand, the millions of Americans and their families want research accelerated now. The other body may have not acted yet to pass the stem cell bill, but we have not forgotten. We are hopeful the other body will take this bill up in short order and in turn provide hope for these courageous people.

#### A MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE TO NEW YORK'S FALLEN HEROES

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the observance of Memorial Day, 2006, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying posthumous tribute to the 2,459 members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the Iraq War.

These brave men and women came from every State as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Washington, DC, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam.

Whatever our views may be on the war, we salute these fallen heroes for their patriotism, sacrifice and bravery. We thank their families and mourn with them, and promise that we will never forget the contributions of their loved ones.

Whether Democrat or Republican, supporter or opponent of the war, we honor those who have given their lives with the deepest gratitude and heartfelt compassion. COL. Geoffrey Slack of New York's Fighting 69th who lost 19 men under his command in Iraq said it well:

The vast majority of Americans have it right. Regardless of their thoughts about the war, most have separated the soldiers from the policies of Washington. I can't tell you how much that means. The average young man or woman who goes to serve in Iraq has nothing to do with policy. They just go and do what they're asked to do.

As the dean of the New York State congressional delegation, I have enclosed a roster of New Yorkers who have given their lives in Iraq. Also listed is a State-by-State numerical accounting of the deceased.

#### NEW YORK STATE FALLEN HEROES (AS OF MAY 22, 2006)

City/county of NY, rank, name, and date: Airmont, Corporal, Vahaviolos, Steve, 11-May-06; Albany, Sergeant, Sacco, Dominic J., 20-Nov-05; Baldwin, Private 1st Class, Urbina, Wilfredo F., 29-Nov-04.

Bay Shore, Private 1st Class, Heighter, Raheen Tyson, 24-Jul-03; Bay Shore, Private 1st Class, Fletcher, Jacob S., 13-Nov-03; Bloomingburg, Private 1st Class, Vonronn, Kenneth G., 06-Jan-05; Brentwood, Specialist, Ruiz, Jose L., 15-Aug-05.

Bronx, Commander, Acevedo, Joseph, 13-Apr-03; Private 1st Class, Moreno, Luis A., 29-Jan-04; Sergeant, Engeldrum, Christian P., 29-Nov-04; Staff Sergeant, Irizarry, Henry E., 03-Dec-04; Specialist, Martinez, Victor A., 14-Dec-04; Sergeant, Swindell, Nathaniel T., 15-Jan-05; Corporal, Valdez, Ramona M., 23-Jun-05.

Brooklyn, Lance Corporal, White, William Wayne, 29-Mar-03; Specialist, Sahib, Rasheed, 18-May-03; Private 1st Class, Johnson, Rayshawn S., 03-Nov-03; Sergeant, Jimenez, Linda C., 08-Nov-03; Specialist, Akintade, Segun Frederick, 28-Oct-04; Sergeant, Calderon, Pablo A., 30-Nov-04; Corporal, Behnke, Joseph O., 04-Dec-04; Staff Sergeant, Melo, Julian S., 21-Dec-04; Sergeant, Lozada Jr., Angelo L., 16-Apr-05; Sergeant, Hornedo, Manny, 28-Jun-05; 1st Sergeant, Mendez, Bobby, 27-Apr-06.

Buffalo, Lance Corporal, Orlowski, Eric James, 22-Mar-03; Private 1st Class, Burkett, Tamario Demetrice, 23-Mar-03; Private, Evans Jr., David, 25-May-03; Specialist, Williams, Michael L., 17-Oct-03; Private 1st Class, Bush Jr., Charles E., 19-Dec-03; Sergeant, McKeever, David M., 05-Apr-04; Specialist, LeBrun, Jeff, 01-Jan-05; Specialist, Pfister, Jacob M., 19-Apr-05.

Canandaigua, Sergeant, McMillin, Heath A., 27-Jul-03; Corning, Gunnery Sergeant, Lane, Shawn A., 28-Jul-04; Sergeant, Pusateri, Christopher M., 16-Feb-05.

Delmar/Albany, Captain, Moshier, Timothy J., 01-Apr-06; Depew/Cheektowaga, Sergeant, Gasiewicz, Cari Anne, 04-Dec-04; Douglaston, Specialist, Ling, Roger G., 19-Feb-04; East Islip, Specialist, Pope II, Robert C., 07-Nov-05; East North Port, Chief Warrant Officer 4, Engeman, John W., 14-May-06; Elizaville, Staff Sergeant, Robsky Jr., Joseph E., 10-Sep-03.

Elmsford, Private 1st Class, Arciola, Michael A., 15-Feb-05; Forestport, Private 1st Class, Huxley Jr., Gregory Paul, 06-Apr-03; Garden City, 2nd Lieutenant, Licalzi, Michael L., 11-May-06; Glen Oaks, Lance Corporal, Postal, Michael V., 07-May-05; Hammond, Sergeant, Friedrich, David Travis, 20-Sep-03; Hauppauge, Lance Corporal, Kremm, Jared J., 27-Oct-05.

Hempstead, Specialist, Sage, Lance S., 27-Dec-05; Hicksville, Corporal, Kolm, Kevin T., 13-Apr-04; Highland, Sergeant, Williams, Eugene, 29-Mar-03; Specialist, Chan, Doron, 18-Mar-04; Jamestown, Private, Cooper Jr., Charles S., 29-Apr-05; Jamestown/Celoron, Sergeant, Matteson, James C. "J.C.", 12-Nov-04.

Jericho, 1st Lieutenant, Lynch, Matthew D., 31-Oct-04; Jordan, Staff Sergeant, Reynolds, Steven C., 24-Nov-05; Lewis, Corporal, Davey, Seamus M., 21-Oct-05; Lowville, Corporal, Cannan, Kelly M., 20-Apr-05; Mastic, Specialist, Wilwerth, Thomas J., 22-Feb-06; Middle Village, Staff Sergeant, McNaughton, James D., 02-Aug-05.

Middletown, Specialist, Medina, Irving, 14-Nov-03; Middletown, Specialist, Gonzalez, Carlos M., 16-Mar-06; Monroe, Petty Officer 1st Class, Pernaselli, Michael J., 24-Apr-04; Mt. Vernon, Corporal, Gooden, Bernard George, 04-Apr-03; New Windsor, Corporal, Tremblay, Joseph S., 27-Apr-05.

New York, Staff Sergeant, Tejeda, Riayan Augusto, 11-Apr-03; Captain, Wood, George A., 20-Nov-03; Master Sergeant, Toney, Timothy, 27-Mar-04; Lance Corporal, Gavriel, Dimitrios, 19-Nov-04; Lieutenant Colonel, Crowe, Terrence K., 07-Jun-05; Sergeant, Floyd Jr., Clarence L., 10-Dec-05; Specialist, Mercedes Saez, Sergio A., 05-Feb-06; Staff Sergeant, Lewis, Dwayne Peter R., 27-Feb-06; Newark Valley, Petty Officer 3rd Class, Wilson, Nicholas, 12-Feb-06.

Niagara Falls, Staff Sergeant, Bass, Aram J., 23-Nov-05; North Creek, Staff Sergeant, Kimmerly, Kevin C., 15-Sep-03; North Merrick, Specialist, Bandhold, Scott M., 12-Apr-06; North White Plains, Private 1st Class, Cuming, Kevin A., 21-Aug-04.

Orchard Park/W. Seneca, Specialist, Roustum, David L., 20-Nov-04; Philadelphia, Sergeant 1st Class, Howe, Casey E., 26-Sep-05; Port Chester, Lance Corporal, Sanchez Jr., Efrain, 17-Jul-05; Purchase, Specialist, Kalladeen, Anthony N., 08-Aug-05.

Queens, Corporal, Rodriguez, Robert Marcus, 27-Mar-03; Lance Corporal, Lam, Jeffrey, 08-Nov-04; Private 1st Class, Obaji, Francis C., 02-Mar-05; Specialist, Ali, Azhar, 02-Mar-05; Specialist, Lwin, Wai Pyoe, 08-Aug-05; Private 1st Class, Rios, Hernando, 17-Sep-05; Staff Sergeant, Nelom, Regilio E., 01-Feb-06; Specialist, Bustamante, Marlon A., 28-Apr-06; Sergeant, Gomez, Jose, 17-Jan-05.

Rochester, Chief Warrant Officer (CW3), Smith, Eric Allen, 02-Apr-03; Lance Corporal, Schramm, Brian K., 15-Oct-04; Rockville Center, 1st Lieutenant, Winchester, Ronald, 03-Sep-04; Rome, Sergeant, Uvanni, Michael A., 01-Oct-04; Sackets Harbor, Lieutenant Colonel, James II, Leon G., 10-Oct-05; Schenectady, Sergeant, Robbins, Thomas D., 09-Feb-04; Scio (Allegany Co.), Corporal, Dunham, Jason L., 22-Apr-04; South Glens Falls, Private 1st Class, Brown, Nathan P., 11-Apr-04.

Stony Brook (Long Island), Petty Officer 3rd Class, Bruckenthal, Nathan B., 25-Apr-04; Suffern, Captain, Esposito, Phillip T., 08-Jun-05; Suffolk, Lance Corporal, Mateo, Ramon, 24-Sep-04; Taberg/Camden, Sergeant, Parker, Elisha R., 04-May-06; Theresa, Private 1st Class, Perez, Luis A., 27-Aug-04; Tonawanda, Staff Sergeant, Dill, Christopher W., 04-Apr-05; Unadilla, Specialist, Nieves, Isaac Michael, 08-Apr-04; Walkkill, 1st Lieutenant, Dooley, Mark H., 19-Sep-05; Waterloo, Master Sergeant, Auchman, Steven E., 09-Nov-04.