

CONGRATULATING THE PUEBLO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. This credit union has served the residents of Pueblo well. PGAFCU's mission is to promote thrift among its members by giving them an opportunity to save money, thus accumulating and investing the savings of the members and to make loans to its members which promise to be of benefit to the borrower.

The Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union was founded on June 9, 1936 by ten Pueblo postal employees who brought together a group of federal agency employees to form a credit union for the purpose of improving the financial lives of its members. Today, the Credit Union has more than 4,200 members serving current and retired federal agency employees, their family members and other special groups in Pueblo and South-eastern Colorado.

The friendly, hometown service combined with a wide variety of personalized, high-quality financial services has truly enriched the lives of many residents in my Congressional District. I am proud to represent an organization that so aptly embodies the values of a small town financial institution while offering much-needed financial services to the Pueblo community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Pueblo Government Agencies Federal Credit Union on the occasion of their 70th anniversary and I commend them for the service they provide to the many federal government employees and their families in Southeastern Colorado.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PHILIP M. GOLD, ON RECEIVING THE RABBI NORMAN F. FELDHEYM AWARD FOR LOYALTY AND SERVICE TO THE SYNAGOGUE AND COMMUNITY OF THE CONGREGATION EMANU EL.

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El, located in my home district of San Bernardino, California, who have conspicuously and exceptionally reflected Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, and service to the community. I stand here today to honor Doctor Philip M. Gold for receiving this distinguished award.

Dr. Gold has been an extraordinarily devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El. He began his service as a member of the Congregation's Board of Directors in 1990, and

since then he has served as Secretary, 2nd Vice-president, Vice-president, and from 2000–2002, as the President of the Congregation. During this time he has helped to masterfully guide the Congregation through its period of rabbinic transition. He has been an inspirational leader of the Congregation, giving evidence of his deep love for Judaism, a strong participation in worship and education, and an exemplary commitment to Jewish values and their application in contemporary society.

Dr. Gold is a distinguished graduate of Stanford University, where he received his B.A. degree in 1958, and of the UCLA School of Medicine, where he received his M.D. degree in 1962. At UCLA, Dr. Gold also completed his internship and residency, which included being Chief Resident in Medicine. Dr. Gold is a highly respected physician and teacher, a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Sub Specialty Board of Pulmonary Disease.

Since 1977, Dr. Gold has been associated with the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, where he currently serves as Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Pulmonary and Intensive Care Division, Program Director of the Pulmonary Fellowship Program and Executive Vice-Chair of the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Gold has been recognized by his colleagues as a leader in the field of medicine. His numerous accomplishments include serving as a Governor and President of the California Chapter of the American College of Physicians, President of the American Lung Association of California, President of the American Lung Association of San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties, Chair of the Council Practice Committee of the American Thoracic Society, President of the California Thoracic Society, and President of the Society of Graduate Internists of UCLA.

While the awards Dr. Gold has received are too abundant to mention in total, some of the most notable include a Mastership in the American College of Physicians, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Lung Association, the Laureate Award of the American College of Physicians, the William L. Cover MD Award of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the American Lung Association Pottenger Award and the Michael Stulberg California Medal of the American Lung Association of California.

Dr. Gold is known to family, colleagues, patients, fellow congregants and friends as a person of the highest integrity, extraordinary sensitivity, perceptive insight, humility and love of the arts. He and his wife, Roberta, are the proud parents of Jana, Matthew and Jason, all of whom received their Jewish education at Congregation Emanu El, and the proud grandparents of Eddie, Leah, Cary and Molly.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 115th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation Emanu El. It is fitting, on such a momentous occasion, that we stand here today to honor Dr. Philip M. Gold, for outstanding service to his Congregation, the field of medicine, and to his family and community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT ALESSANDRO CARBONARO

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor today to recognize the life of Sergeant Alessandro Carbonaro, a courageous Marine who passed away on May 10, 2006 in Germany as a result of injuries he received in Iraq. I had the privilege to attend a moving memorial service for this young man on May 23rd at the National Cathedral. There, those who knew him best testified to his commitment to his friends, family, and country. Alex was a proud and dedicated soldier, a loving son and husband, and a loyal friend who loved ice hockey and played in a local rock band. I thank him for his service to the country, and offer my condolences to his parents, Fulvio and Gilda Carbonaro, his wife, Gilda, and all who had the pleasure and good fortune to know him.

I would like to submit to the RECORD a poem Alex wrote in the Spring of 2004. I hope the words of this talented young man bring comfort to all who mourn his loss.

FROM AFAR

Dear little star
How I miss having you near me.
And though your light shines on me from afar

I have to continue on and appreciate
Your warmth from across the cosmos
Dear little shining star
At the end of the day
I look at you and my emotions just flow
from me
And all I feel is your warmth.
One day things will be different for you and I
My little precious star.
But until then
I must be content to take you in from afar.

PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 22, 2006

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to extend my remarks on H.R. 4681, the Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act that was passed here on the House Floor on May 23, 2006. Madam Speaker, the Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act was a bill that I and I am sure many of my colleagues as well, struggled with and deliberated on a great deal. While America's support for Israel is unwavering, Congress does not want to send the wrong message to the Palestinian people that we have given up on them or the path to peace in that region.

Madam Speaker, the intent of H.R. 4681 was not to alienate the Palestinian people, but rather to demonstrate America's resolve against terrorism in all its forms, including the leadership of Hamas and the Hamas-controlled Palestinian Authority. This bill was passed to send a strong message to Hamas'

leaders that they cannot continue to sponsor terrorism and call for the destruction of Israel and expect to receive American financial and diplomatic support. America will stand firm with Israel against any enemy who seeks to terrorize its people or disrupt the lives of its citizens.

With that being said, it is also important for the Palestinian people to know that America is not an enemy, but that we seek to help establish a two-state system, with Israel and Palestine coexisting side by side in peace. America strongly believes in the peace process and we hope to facilitate that process so the entire region will be better for it. When Congress passed H.R. 4681 it was not a vote against the Palestinian people, but a vote against terrorists of those who have called for the destruction of Israel and who have sponsored terrorism in the past and continue to do so.

Congress understands that we must be resolute against terrorist leaders, but also show humanity and compassion towards the poor and innocent children and destitute people of the Palestinian territories. That is the only way we can achieve peace and stability in the region. Madam Speaker, I will continue to support the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian people along with my colleagues here in Congress, and America will continue to provide humanitarian aid and assistance for those people who need it most. We will not let the election of Hamas hijack the road to peace that we have all sought for so long.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL T.
MICHAEL "BUZZ" MOSELEY, USAF

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my fellow Texan and good friend, Chief of Staff of the Air Force GEN T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, who received the high honor of being knighted during a ceremony at the British Embassy in Washington, DC on May 30.

General Moseley was awarded the honorary knighthood due to his contributions to British-American relations during his tour of duty as the commander of the air war over Afghanistan and Iraq.

In addition to being the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Moseley can now add the honorary title of "Knight Commander of the British Empire" to an already impressive service record. General Moseley becomes the next in a long line of some of our Nation's most impressive leaders and skilled military commanders to be so highly honored by our British allies including President Ronald Reagan, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, GEN Jimmy Doolittle, GEN Carl Spaatz, GEN Tommy Franks, and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

I congratulate my friend General Moseley on his knighthood, and thank him for his outstanding service in leading the United States Air Force in its continuing operations in the global war on terrorism.

IN MEMORY OF PERRY BASS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Mr. Perry Bass of Fort Worth, Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens.

Born in Wichita Falls, TX, on November 11, 1914, Mr. Bass attended prep school in Pennsylvania and in 1937 received a science degree, specializing in geology, from Yale University. Mr. Perry died the morning of Thursday, June 1, 2006, at the age of 91.

Mr. Bass began his career in the legendary oil fields of Texas, where he worked with his uncle beginning in the 1930s. In 1942 Perry Bass joined the armed services as a naval architect designing torpedo boats before later continuing his career in oil and gas.

Perry Bass's professional exploits are only a small part of his life-long success. Throughout his career Mr. Bass and his family donated generously to a wide variety of charities, learning institutions, the arts and hospitals. As a former chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, he championed a law to preserve the population of redbird and spotted sea trout in the Texas coastal waters and worked to preserve the natural beauty of the State of Texas.

The Bass family's investments have changed the landscape of downtown Fort Worth, transforming aging and often-vacant buildings into trendy restaurants, hotels and clubs, all anchored by the \$65 million Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall.

He was a dedicated civic pioneer and outspoken philanthropist, and it was my honor to know him and to now represent part of the great city of Fort Worth that he helped develop into one of the best places to live in the United States. He leaves behind a legacy of generosity and encouraged others do to the same. His wife, Nancy, and four sons, Sid, Lee, Edward and Robert, have continued that legacy of philanthropy and public works. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his service to his community will always be greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST J. ADAN
GARCIA

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of United States Army Specialist J. Adan Garcia, 20, of Irving, TX.

Specialist Garcia died on May 27, 2006 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He died of injuries sustained on May 22, 2006, while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Specialist Garcia was assigned to the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, in Fort Drum, NY.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Specialist Garcia. This brave young

man made the ultimate sacrifice for the security of his country and for the defense of democracy worldwide. He was an outstanding young man and we should all be grateful for his noble contributions to this nation and the advancement of freedom.

I am proud to call Specialist Garcia one of our own, and am, again, deeply sorry for his family and friends who have suffered this loss. His legacy will remain, as the men and women of our armed services continue to fight for liberty—both abroad and on our home soil.

INTRODUCTION OF LT. COL. JAMES
MEGELLAS MEDAL OF HONOR
BILL

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to honor a true American hero by awarding him the Medal of Honor. On January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge, Lt. James Megellas led his platoon of the 82nd Airborne Division on a surprise and devastating attack on a much larger advancing German force, killing and capturing a large number of the enemy and causing others to flee. In an act of fearless courage, Megellas single-handedly destroyed an attacking German Mark V tank with two hand-held grenades. He then led the charge of his men and seized Herresbach, Belgium, during this fierce action of the Battle of the Bulge. Due to his aggressive, fearless and superior leadership, Lt. James Megellas inspired his men to excel.

After serving 4 years as a rifle platoon leader during World War II, including many combat jumps into Italy and Holland, Megellas left the active Army and served for 16 years in the Army Reserve. He retired after 20 years of service as a lieutenant colonel.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Star Medals, two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, and he is credited with being the 82nd Airborne Division's most decorated officer. During World War II, Gen. James Gavin selected one 82nd officer—Lt. James Megellas—to receive the Military Order of Wilhelm Orange Lanyard from the Dutch Minister of War on behalf of his division.

To this day, James Megellas continues to inspire. In February, 61 years since that momentous battle, James "Maggie" Megellas set foot on a battlefield with fellow 82nd Airborne Division soldiers, this time in a current theatre of war—Afghanistan. Megellas was impressed with what he saw of the paratroopers and their work. He listened to their stories of their past year of deployment and shared with them his own experiences during World War II.

I urge my colleagues to also recognize James "Maggie" Megellas by supporting this bill to authorize and request the President to award him the Medal of Honor for his acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge. As time goes by, true heroes should never be forgotten, so please join me in honoring this outstanding American hero.