

that country. Additionally, Egypt and Jordan urged Syria to use its influence with Hamas to win Shalit's release. With no soldier and no prospect of his release, Israel continued its offensive, arresting 60 Palestinian officials and launching air strikes on bridges to prevent movement of Shalit, on weapon storage sites, and on Gaza's central power station. Hamas continued to launch Kassam missiles into Israel targeting civilian population centers; and Palestinian militants, seeking cover among Palestinian civilians, used RPGs, grenades, mines, and assault rifles to impede Israel's actions. This is how the Palestinian leadership responds to Israel's genuine actions for peace. The Israelis endured great political and emotional divisions when they forcibly removed their own people from Gaza, but they thought these sacrifices were necessary for a lasting peace. The Israelis demonstrated remarkable restraint in the face of these attacks from Gaza and in the initial days of the kidnapping of Corporal Shalit. But, when it became clear that Hamas did not share Israel's desire for peace, they had no choice to respond with force.

Then on July 12th, Hezbollah killed eight soldiers and captured two more from within Israel, near the border with Lebanon. Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said that this was not in response to Israel's recent air strikes in Gaza, but was something they had wanted to do for "over a year". Hezbollah's killing of eight Israeli soldiers and the kidnapping of two others represents an unprovoked act of war against Israel. Israel fully withdrew from southern Lebanon in May 2000. This peaceful step by Israel was certified by the U.N. Security Council as having met the requirements of U.N. Security Council Resolution 425, which called for an Israeli withdrawal and for Lebanon to assert control over the area vacated by Israel.

Israel rightfully opposes any prisoner exchange with Hamas or Hezbollah. Israel cannot send the message that it will release hundreds of prisoners each time Hamas and Hezbollah capture an Israeli, soldier or civilian. That would only encourage more kidnappings, and increase the power of Hamas and Hezbollah resulting in greater instability to the region and undermining the peace process.

Following Hezbollah's kidnapping, its firing of Katyusha rockets into northern Israel and demand for a prisoner swap, Israel responded with military force directed at Hezbollah's infrastructure in Lebanon, accurately calling Hezbollah's actions an act of war. Israel struck Beirut's airport to prevent the removal of the Israeli soldiers and to disrupt military supplies, struck Hezbollah's television station, and struck numerous roads, bridges and Hezbollah quarters to disrupt communication. Hezbollah responded with increased and deeper rocket attacks, which for the first time reached far enough into Israel to strike Haifa, 20

miles over the border. These far reaching missiles appear to be built by the Iranians and pose an extreme threat that Israel has not previously faced with Hezbollah. In 2004, the United Nations passed a resolution calling for Hezbollah to be disarmed. Not only has no serious effort been undertaken to disarm them, but rouge regimes continue to supply them with new weapons, training, and other support. The world should unite in its outrage at this behavior by Hezbollah and its allies and unite behind Israel and the forces of peace to bring a swift end to this conflict and to press for the safe return of Israel's soldiers and the enforcement of the UN resolution.

It is worth noting that while Israel has responded with strong force in its attempts to rescue its soldiers and root out the terrorist networks on its borders, it has made great efforts to minimize civilian casualties. Israel regularly drops pamphlets to warn civilians of upcoming actions and attempts to secure meaningful intelligence so that its strikes are targeted on the people and places involved in terrorist activity. These are courtesies that the Hamas and Hezbollah do not extend.

As we all now know, these actions of Hezbollah and Hamas can be seen as an extension of aggression from Iran and Syria. Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has publicly stated his desire to "wipe Israel off the face of the map." The Iranians have helped Hezbollah launch hundreds of missiles into Israel and have provided Hezbollah \$100 million annually. Syria provides the home, safe haven and command center to Hamas leader, Khaled Mashaal, and it continues to sponsor acts of terrorism. The timing of these attacks served to destabilize negotiations between the Hamas and Fatah Palestinian parties, derailing progress in the peace process. The events also distract the international community from Iran's nuclear ambitions at a time of heightened pressure on the Iranian government to curtail its program.

I support the President's statement that calls for an unconditional release of the captured soldiers, and holds Syria and Iran accountable for Hezbollah's actions but I encourage him to do more. There is opportunity for hope in this crisis. Many Palestinians and Lebanese citizens do not support the aggressive actions of Hezbollah or Hamas's military wing. The international community must support the Lebanese government and the Palestinian Authority in representing their many moderate citizens who seek peace and security for their families and communities. Now is the time for the forces of peace and moderation in Lebanon to not only aspire for peace but take action to stop Hamas and Hezbollah from pulling their people into deeper conflict. If terrorist factions continue to attack Israel and capture Israeli soldiers, Israel is left with no other choice but to defend its people and its borders.

I have made many trips to Israel and the Arab countries in the Middle East and am deeply saddened by the recent events. I will continue to support peace in the region and oppose all acts of terrorism.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to 45 young Americans who have been killed in Iraq since April 6. This brings to 595 the number of soldiers who were either from California or based in California who have been killed while serving our country in Iraq. This represents 23 percent of all U.S. deaths in Iraq.

LCpl Juana Navarro Arellano, 24, died April 8 from wounds received while supporting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. She was assigned to the 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan. She was from Ceres, CA.

Cpl Richard P. Waller, 22, died April 7 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Eric A. Palmisano, 27, died April 2 after the truck he was riding in rolled over in a flash flood near Al Asad, Iraq. Palmisano was listed as Duty Status—Whereabouts Unknown until his body was recovered April 11. He was assigned to 1st Transportation Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Joseph A. Blanco, 25, died of injuries sustained in Taji, Iraq on April 11 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle and he subsequently came under small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX. He was from Bloomington, CA.

LCpl Marcus S. Glimpse, 22, died April 12 as the result of an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Huntington Beach, CA.

LCpl Philip J. Martini, 24, died April 8 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Salem Bachar, 20, was killed due to enemy action in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq on April 13. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Chula Vista, CA.

LCpl Stephen J. Perez, 22, was killed due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on April 13. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Marcques J. Nettles, 22, died April 2 when the truck he was riding in rolled over in a flash flood near Al Asad, Iraq. He was previously listed as Duty Status—Whereabouts Unknown. His body was recovered April 16. He was assigned to 1st Combat Logistics Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Kyle A. Colnot, 23, died of injuries sustained in Baghdad, Iraq on April 22 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle causing a fire. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 67th Armored Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX. He was from Arcadia, CA.

LCpl Aaron W. Simons, 20, died April 24 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. He was from Modesto, CA.

Pfc Raymond L. Henry, 21, died on April 25, in Mosul, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, AK. He was from Anaheim, CA.

LCpl Michael L. Ford, 19, died April 26 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

Cpl Brandon M. Hardy, 25, died April 28 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Lea R. Mills, 21, died April 28 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Edward G. Davis III, 31, died April 28 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Robert L. Moscollo, 21, died May 1 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Elisha R. Parker, 21, died May 4 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Pfc Benjamin T. Zieske, 20, died of injuries sustained in Kirkuk, Iraq on May 3 when an improvised explosive device detonated during a dismounted combat patrol. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY. He was from Concord, CA.

LCpl Leon B. Deraps, 19, died May 6 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Benito A. Ramirez, 21, died May 21 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Robert G. Posivio III, 22, died May 23 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Pfc Steven W. Freund, 20, died May 23 while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpt Nathanael J. Doring, 31, died May 30 following a nonhostile helicopter accident near Al Taqaddum, Iraq, on May 27. He was assigned to Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-169, Marine Aircraft Group-39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Richard A. Bennett, 25, died May 30 following a nonhostile helicopter accident near Al Taqaddum, Iraq, on May 27. He was assigned to Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-169, Marine Aircraft Group-39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Ryan J. Cummings, 22, died June 3 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Spc Issac S. Lawson, 35, died in Baghdad, Iraq, on June 5 of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. He was assigned to the National Guard's 49th Military Police Brigade, Fairfield, CA. He was from Sacramento, CA.

Spc Luis D. Santos, 20, died on June 8 in Buhritz, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO. He was from Rialto, CA.

Hospitalman Zachary Mathew Alday, 22, was killed on June 9 while conducting combat operations against the enemy in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. He was assigned to 7th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 7, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

LCpl Brent B. Zoucha, 19, died June 9 of wounds received while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

LCpl Salvador Guerrero, 21, died June 9 of wounds received while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. He was from Los Angeles, CA.

Cpl Michael A. Estrella, 20, died June 14 while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He was from Hemet, CA.

Cpl Christopher D. Leon, 20, died June 20 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan. He was from Lancaster, CA.

SSgt Benjamin D. Williams, 30, died June 20 while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Pfc Christopher N. White, 23, died June 20 while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Brandon J. Webb, 20, died June 20 while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Jason J. Buzzard, 31, died on June 21 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to E Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX. He was from Constantinople, CA.

Cpl Jason W. Morrow, 27, died June 27 from wounds received while conducting

combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq, on June 26. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Riverside, CA.

Pfc Rex A. Page, 21, died June 28 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Spc Christopher D. Rose, 21, died on June 29 of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX. He was from San Francisco, CA.

Cpl Ryan J. Clark, 19, died on June 29 at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX. He died of injuries sustained on June 17, in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to C Company, 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. He was from Lancaster, CA.

Sgt Thomas B. Turner, Jr., 31, died on July 14 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany. He died of injuries sustained on July 13, in Muqadiyah, Iraq, when multiple improvised explosive devices detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was from Cottonwood, CA.

Sgt Andres J. Contreras, 23, died on July 15 of injuries sustained when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq during combat operations. He was assigned to the 519th Military Police Battalion, 1st Combat Support Brigade, Fort Polk, LA. He was from Huntington Park, CA.

SSgt Jason M. Evey, 29, died on July 16 of injuries sustained when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Hood, TX. He was from Stockton, CA.

Spc Manuel J. Holguin, 21, died on July 15 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained when his dismounted patrol encountered an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. He was from Woodlake, CA.

I also pay tribute to the three soldiers from or based in California who have died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom since April 6.

Spc Justin L. O'Donohoe, 27, died east of Abad, Afghanistan, in the Kunar province, on May 5, when his

CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed during combat operations. He was assigned to the 71st Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Light Infantry, Fort Drum, NY. He was from San Diego, CA.

Sgt Bryan A. Brewster, 24, died east of Abad, Afghanistan, in the Kunar province, on May 5 when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed during combat operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Light Infantry, Fort Drum, NY. He was from Fontana, CA.

Cpl Bernard P. Corpuz, 28, died in Ghanzi, Afghanistan, on June 11 from wounds sustained when his convoy came under enemy small arms fire and an improvised explosive device detonated during combat operations. He was assigned to the 303rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Hood, TX. He was from Watsonville, CA.

PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FOR SUDAN REMARKS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I wish to discuss a critical issue that I have addressed in this Chamber numerous times in the last several years, and that is the situation in Darfur. It is truly a shame that in July of 2006, the horrendous conditions and continued violence look very similar to that which first caught our attention in 2003.

Despite the recent peace agreement that was reached in early May between the Government of National Unity and one faction of the largest rebel group, the violence on the ground has continued unabated. This has led to a tenuous humanitarian situation.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund Darfur Nutrition Update for June 2006, malnutrition rates and admissions to therapeutic feeding centers are rising across Darfur. Under difficult conditions, our Government has done a tremendous job in providing assistance to the people of Darfur, including contributing over 80 percent of the food delivered in Darfur by the World Food Program. Unfortunately, our Government's efforts are not enough. Other donors must increase their contributions and fulfill the pledges they made.

To make these matters worse, the Government of Sudan blatantly refuses a U.N. peacekeeping mission in Darfur, leaving the African Union to try and enforce peace, which it has been unable to do thus far.

For these reasons, I am encouraging President Bush to appoint a Presidential envoy for Sudan as soon as possible. The fiscal year 2006 emergency supplemental includes a provision offered by Senator BIDEN and myself to create a Presidential special envoy and an office in the State Department to support it. This envoy is charged with working to resolve the conflict in Darfur, facilitating implementation of

the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the north and south Sudan, and resolving other internal and regional conflicts.

The timing of this appointment could not be more critical. Deputy Secretary of State Bob Zoellick is departing and other key administration officials that have been working on Sudan are rotating to new positions. I want to personally thank Secretary Zoellick for his commitment to peace in Sudan. His tireless efforts were at the forefront of this administration's clear commitment to this troubled country.

I urge the President to appoint a trusted leader who is committed to bringing about peace in Sudan once and for all.

The thought of making similar statements about Darfur in 2009 is unacceptable.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, during yesterday's debate on the Water Resources Development Act, Senator SARBANES, Senator JEFFORDS, and I agreed to submit for the RECORD a colloquy clarifying the intent of a provision authorizing the Poplar Island expansion project in Maryland. Unfortunately, this colloquy was inadvertently left out. I ask unanimous consent that the colloquy be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at this point and that the permanent RECORD be corrected so that this colloquy appears with the rest of yesterday's debate on the bill.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I would like to engage the distinguished chairman in a colloquy with respect to the provisions in section 1001(a)(20), authorizing the Poplar Island Expansion, Maryland.

Mr. INHOFE. I would be happy to respond to the Senator from Maryland.

Mr. SARBANES. I would simply like to clarify that it is the intent of the committee that this provision authorizes construction of a 575-acre addition to the existing 1,140-acre Poplar Island, MD, beneficial use of dredged material project which is presently under construction and authorizes an additional \$256.1 million for that expansion.

Mr. INHOFE. The Senator from Maryland is correct. Section 1001(a)(20) authorizes the Secretary to construct the expansion of the Poplar Island, MD, project in accordance with the Report of the Chief of Engineers dated March 31, 2006, at an additional total cost of \$256,100,000. This will increase the overall environmental restoration project at Poplar Island from 1,140 acres to approximately 1,715 acres and bring the total cost of the existing project and the expansion project to \$643.4 million, with an estimated Federal cost of \$482.4 million and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$161 million.

Mr. JEFFORDS. I concur that this is the committee's intent.

Mr. SARBANES. I thank the chairman and ranking member for this clarification and for including this provision which is vitally important for the Port of Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I thank you for having this important debate