

modulation of gene expression, having the capacity to enhance athletic performance, is prohibited." Although the U.S. Anti Doping Agency and the World Anti-Doping Agency presently prohibit gene-doping, there is no guarantee that gene-doping will remain on the prohibited list. The prohibition of gene-doping by statute and further public dialogue is critical. I salute my House and Senate colleagues for their foresighted efforts in this regard.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JOHN
HOSTETTLER

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, for 12 years, JOHN HOSTETTLER served the people of southwest and west central Indiana with an abiding faith and determination to do that which is right. Defeating an incumbent in 1994, he carried with him to Congress his steadfast belief that this nation must ever stray from the Constitution for its governing principles.

Holding to his convictions, JOHN served with distinction on both the House Armed Services and Judiciary Committees. His ideological values guided him through difficult decisions. From legislation on gun control, to abortion and fiscal restraint, JOHN never wavered from his convictions. His principled leadership and dedication to service will always be referenced as an example to his colleagues and countrymen.

JOHN's strength of character led him throughout his years in Congress, often being the lone voice speaking out on an issue. It was this commitment that made him a valuable and esteemed member of Indiana's delegation. This nation should boast the patriotic efforts of this great Hoosier. His selfless dedication to service and continued demonstration of leadership while helping to govern this country is to be applauded. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO KASEY M. FEAUTO

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the patriotism and military service of Specialist Kasey M. Feauto of Norfolk, NE.

Kasey was born in Sioux City, Iowa on September 9, 1982. He is the son of Michael Feauto and Joy Kleinberg and the brother of Amy.

Kasey graduated from Westwood Community High School in Sloan, Iowa in 2002 where he was an honor roll student and played on the football team. After graduation he joined the Army National Guard in 2003.

Mr. Feauto was deployed to Iraq on October 7, 2005, with the Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery. On December 4, 2005, Kasey was driving the lead truck of a three vehicle convoy when a roadside bomb exploded and hit the second truck in the convoy causing the truck to cross oncoming traffic and crash into a concrete wall. After realizing what had

happened, Kasey turned his truck around to go help. The third truck was called to lend medical assistance but was hit by another roadside bomb.

SFC Richard Schild, the gunner in the second truck, was killed instantly. SGT Allen Kokesh, the driver of the second truck, was seriously injured. Kasey pulled Kokesh out of the truck and performed life-saving medical attention, putting a tourniquet on his wounded arm and leg. This medical care saved Kokesh's life long enough for him to return home and see his family. SGT Kokesh passed away in February 2006 from other wounds sustained that day. SSG Daniel Cuka, the truck commander in the third truck, was also killed from the explosion. SPC Corey Briest, the gunner in the third truck, was wounded.

Private First Class Kasey M. Feauto, of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious heroism in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the life-saving aide he performed on SGT Allen Kokesh. His exemplary selfless service and outstanding dedication to duty during combat operations in Iraq contributed to the overwhelming success of the Command's mission. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

Through this entire trauma Kasey has maintained his heart and sense of humor and his ability to be there for his family and friends in their time of need. He maintains that the real heroes are those who have given their lives for this country. Specifically the men of Charlie Battery who gave their lives: SGT Allen Kokesh Jr., SSG Daniel Cuka, SFC Richard Schild, and SSG Greg Wagner.

Home from Iraq, Kasey is living in Norfolk, NE with his fiancée Maria Vandersnick.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Mr. Feauto's selfless service to our Nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing a man worthy of our honor, Specialist Kasey M. Feauto.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL
AND VALORIE ODETTE WILLIAMS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael and Valorie Williams in celebration of their 25th anniversary on December 18, 2006.

Michael and Valorie, both native Nevadans, were married in Las Vegas, Nevada, at Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ by the late Bishop E.N. Webb. Since that time, they raised their blended family of four children—Jason, Shawn, Jamaal, and Courtney—with unending love and support and have taught them to have respect for God and their country.

Valorie, a graduate of Rancho High School and veteran of the United States Army and Michael, a graduate of Valley High School and retired employee from the Department of Energy, share a view of life that makes their union special—God is first in everything that they do and everything they are and from that realization, true love exists. They translate this view either to the children they minister to as

youth pastors and advisors for their church or with the children they work with on a daily basis as employees of the Clark County School District.

Their home is a place of peace and refuge for the families they have adopted, fed, or cared for as their own and it can never be said that when you enter their home that you did not feel love and happiness from the many laughs and fellowships they have shared with so many throughout the years. Some come to them for advice. Others come to them for support. But all recognize that their marriage is one to admire—for it is built upon a foundation of mutual respect, truth, love, admiration, laughter and faith in God.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor to celebrate Michael and Valorie today as they prepare to celebrate their anniversary of 25 years. I wish them all the best this year and hope they are able to celebrate another twenty-five.

BELARUS DEMOCRACY
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge passage of H.R. 5948, the Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2006, to provide sustained support for the promotion of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the Republic of Belarus, as well as encourage the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus' sovereignty and independence. Mr. Speaker, I especially thank you for your commitment to bring this legislation before this Congress. Your deep personal interest in the cause of freedom in Belarus, as demonstrated by your recent meetings in Vilnius with the leaders of the democratic opposition, has been particularly appreciated by those struggling for the rule of law and basic human freedoms. This legislation enjoys bipartisan support, and I want to recognize and thank the tremendous collaboration of Rep. Tom Lantos, an original cosponsor of this bill.

As one who has followed developments in Belarus over many years through my work on the Helsinki Commission, I remain deeply concerned that the Belarusian people continue to be subjected to the arbitrary and self-serving whims of a corrupt and anti-democratic regime headed by Aleksandr Lukashenka. Since the blatantly fraudulent March 19 presidential elections, which the OSCE condemned as having failed to meet international democratic standards, the pattern of repression and gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms. While those who would dare oppose the regime are especially targeted, the reality is that all in Belarus outside Lukashenka's inner circle pay a price.

RECENT NEWS REGARDING LUKASHENKA'S REGIME

Last week in Riga, President Bush pledged to help the people of Belarus in the face of the "cruel regime" led by President Lukashenka. "The existence of such oppression in our midst offends the conscience of Europe and the conscience of America," Bush said, adding that "we have a message for the people of Belarus: the vision of a Europe whole, free