

heard Iraqi interpreters marvel that a squad of soldiers would capture a man who, only minutes before, tried to kill them, and bring him unharmed to the detention facility on our camp. This kind of mercy is unheard of in the Arab culture.

Unfortunately, this story will not make the headlines back home. But this is the story of the American soldier in Iraq. It is a story of unprecedented courage, restraint, and compassion for a foreign people. It is a story of the strong trying, against all odds, to protect the weak and defenseless from a dark and hopeless future. I have no idea how the American expedition in Iraq will end. I doubt it will end well. But I do hope that the courage and civility of the American soldiers who fought there will not be forgotten both here and in Iraq.

IN MEMORY OF VETERAN CARL
GENE YOUNG, SR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vietnam Veteran Carl Gene Young, Sr., who passed away Wednesday, January 10, at Denton Regional Medical Center due to a myocardial infarction.

A native of Denton, Texas, Mr. Young served as a city council member for 6 years before retiring in 2001. He was an outspoken, honest spokesman for southeast Denton, and was known as an advocate of affordable housing and diversity in city government. Mr. Young was devoted to those he represented and was genuinely concerned with any issues affecting them. Friends and former colleagues will always remember him for his dedication and loyalty to his community.

Before joining the city council, Mr. Young served in the First Air Cavalry in the Vietnam War. He later organized an annual Easter egg hunt to honor 16 soldiers that were killed on Easter Day 1968. Veteran Carl Young, Sr., was a true patriot and was proud to serve our country.

I worked alongside Mr. Young on the Denton County health executive director selection committee. The committee assignment was one that would affect every citizen in Denton County, and Mr. Young was thoughtful and thorough in his duties. I remember him as insightful and truly caring.

In addition to his role as a politician and soldier, Mr. Young was also a loving husband and father. He deeply cared for his family and friends, and was a strong pillar in our community. I extend my dearest sympathies to his family and friends. Veteran Carl Gene Young, Sr., will be deeply missed and his service to our community will always be greatly appreciated.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF
PRESIDENT GERALD RUDOLPH
FORD

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise with my colleagues today in support of

House Resolution 15, honoring the late Honorable Gerald Rudolph Ford, the 38th President of the United States.

Here in this Chamber, President Ford served dutifully for 24 years, representing the people of the Fifth District of Michigan from 1949 until his ascension to the Oval Office. As a Congressman, Gerald Ford's warmth, approachability, and affability made him one of the most highly regarded Members of his day.

It was these qualities which would shape Gerald Ford into an excellent House floor leader for his party, a position he held for 8 years until his appointment as the 40th Vice President. During his tenure as minority leader, Gerald Ford set a standard of fairness, diplomacy, and cooperation to which all of us can aspire.

As both Vice President and President, Gerald Ford was called to serve in positions of great responsibility during a troubled time in our Nation's history. Ford accepted his powers and responsibilities with the same steadfast composure and patience for which he had become known as a Congressman.

As a man known for his ability to create consensus, compromise, and conciliation, he was well suited to take the helm of America and navigate the turbulent storm it faced. President Ford's gentle nature helped soothe the deep scars America faced after an arduous period of strife at home and abroad.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Ford served our country with a patient hand, an understanding mind, and a reassuring voice. His time in Congress and in the White House leave behind a legacy of commitment, passion, and comity that we will all remember.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MART
PANTHERS, STATE 2A DIVISION
II CHAMPIONS

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to congratulate Coach Rusty Nail and the Mart High School Panthers on their 2006 2A Division II State football championship. Their victory is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and sacrifice and inspires all of us who have followed their progress with great interest. The team and coaching staff have demonstrated outstanding talent and commitment to achieving their goals.

Mart High School has an outstanding history of representing their community and Central Texas with integrity and I am proud to represent such exceptional educators, coaches, and students in Congress.

Winning this State championship is an extraordinary accomplishment that holds lessons that will serve them well throughout their lives. Chief among them is the confidence that comes with knowing that success can be achieved in life when you are willing to set goals and work hard to achieve them.

The Mart Panthers have made history and honored not only their school, but their community, fans and Central Texas by bringing home a State football championship. The Panthers victory brought the State championship trophy home to Mart for the fourth time with an impressive record of 15-1.

Congratulations again to the Mart Panthers on their 2006 2A Division II State football championship. Go Panthers.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE STEVE MCFADDEN'S OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF LEWISVILLE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lewisville Chief of Police Steve McFadden. After more than 38 years in municipal service, 34 years of which were served as Chief of Police, Mr. Steve McFadden will retire in February 2007.

Mr. Steve McFadden grew up in a small town outside of Paris, Texas. After graduation from East Lamar High School, he served in the U.S. Army for three years where he discovered his calling into law enforcement. He later received a Bachelor of Science degree from East Texas State University. Due to Mr. McFadden's strong leadership abilities and thorough education, he was promoted to Police Chief within five years of serving as a police officer.

In November of 1977, Mr. McFadden became Chief of Police in Lewisville, Texas. At that time there were only 27 sworn officers, a force that has grown drastically to include 136 officers today. The crime rates in Lewisville have been kept low due largely to the strong cooperation of the police department. Chief McFadden believed that one of the most integral aspects that contributed to their department success was honesty and trust. He believed that his job as police chief was not any more important than those jobs of the officers and dispatchers. Mr. McFadden inspired a sense of pride and integrity in his staff. He was one of the most experienced and respected police chiefs in Texas, and his retirement is viewed as a great loss to the department and to the community.

The decision to retire was not an easy one for Mr. McFadden, as he will truly miss his colleagues and serving our community as Lewisville Chief of Police. He does, however, look forward to spending more time with his wife, Judy McFadden, his two daughters, his son, and his granddaughter.

It is with great honor that I recognize Mr. Steve McFadden for decades of hard work and selfless dedication given to the citizens of Lewisville, Texas. I am proud to represent him in Washington, and his service will be set as a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will never be forgotten.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE 2007
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CELEBRATION AND ITS HONOREES

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an event, the "Nuestro