

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA  
FROUNFELKER

**HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2008*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Patricia Frounfelker, recently nominated for the 2008 Service to America Call to Service Medal. Ms. Frounfelker is being nominated for her studies of potential hazards and risks associated with U.S. combat vehicles. Ms. Frounfelker's research on these hazards has led to safety improvements that are minimizing risks for our Nation's soldiers on the front line.

In her three years of government service with the Army Research Laboratory at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, Patricia Frounfelker has become a leading expert in analyzing and characterizing the survivability of U.S. Army soldiers to a wide variety of potential risks. Most recently, she examined the potential for reactive armor to cause collateral injuries to troops who are near a tactical vehicle that is under attack. Ms. Frounfelker developed a detailed test plan to characterize reactive armor tiles being sent to Iraq for use on the Abrams tank. She collected and analyzed the data following each test and determined the collateral injuries likely to be suffered by dismounted U.S. troops within proximity to the tank. Ms. Frounfelker conducted her analysis using a novel methodology that she had previously developed to characterize the collateral damage to dismounted troops within proximity of the Stryker and Bradley vehicles. Her results identified areas of concern regarding hazards from each version of reactive armor and have led the Army to change how dismounted troops operate around these vehicles.

During the same period, Ms. Frounfelker served as the lead assessor of crew casualties for 25 U.S. Army developmental systems, including 11 that were fielded in Iraq or Afghanistan. These systems included three variants of the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) and several tactical wheeled vehicles. She collected and analyzed fragment data for every live-fire test of these systems, and her assessments provided the data needed to assess the lethality of U.S. munitions and the survivability of combat vehicles.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Patricia Frounfelker in her nomination for the 2008 Service to America Call to Service Medal. Patricia Frounfelker's efforts in this time of war have directly benefited soldiers and Marines by identifying and assessing potential injuries they might suffer in or near U.S. combat vehicles. This has allowed the Army to modify the vehicles or the tactics, techniques and procedures before the vehicles are fielded to better protect U.S. military personnel. Her efforts have resulted in better equipped, better protected warfighters, who are better able to protect and defend our

Nation. It is with great pride that I congratulate Patricia Frounfelker on her exemplary efforts to increase safety for our armed forces overseas.

TRIBUTE TO TECHNICAL  
SERGEANT MICHAEL CMELIK

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a Nashua, Iowa native and TSgt Michael P. Cmelik as a recipient of a Bronze Star Medal for his heroic achievements during combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Bronze Star, the Department of Defense's fourth highest award given, is awarded to individuals for bravery, heroism, and meritorious service.

Technical Sergeant Cmelik earned the Bronze Star as an elite member of the 15th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron while operating in Kalsu, Iraq during his third tour of duty in Iraq. As stated by the military in a press release related to his award, "Sgt. Cmelik's leadership and professionalism ensured his Brigade Commander's intent for airpower was always met, and more often than not, exceeded. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself, this command, the United States Army and the United States Air Force."

Technical Sergeant Cmelik's bravery goes above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this country, and his heroism and hard work illustrates the compassion and professionalism of America's troops. I commend TSgt Michael P. Cmelik's courageousness and service to our great Nation and consider it an honor to represent Sergeant Cmelik and his family in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues join me in wishing him the best in his future service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NA-  
TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CREDIT  
MANAGEMENT SOUTHWEST

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2008*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Association of Credit Management Southwest (NACMSW) who will celebrate its 100th birthday on July 18, 2008.

Since its founding in 1908, NACMSW has served as a primary learning, knowledge, and information source for its members. They provide valuable education and research programs to address the ever changing and growing needs of its members. NACMSW re-

mains a vocal advocate for business credit and financial management professionals and pushes for the highest ethical and professional standards. I know NACMSW will continue to be a valuable resource for the local community and remain on the forefront of the credit industry.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest birthday wishes to the National Association of Credit Management Southwest.

JULY 4, 2008, NATURALIZATION  
CEREMONY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2008*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on July 4, 2008. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony will take place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the Hammond Public Library and presided over by Magistrate Judge Paul R. Cherry, will be held at Harrison Park in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the globe to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The upcoming oath ceremony will be a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America, that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize the great things America has to offer. They realize that nowhere else in the world is the opportunity for success and a better life available to them than here in America.

On July 4, 2008, the following people will take their oath of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Mindi Thi Bul, Lidia Quinonez, Claudia Rodriguez, Maria de la Luz Godinez, Venkat Santhosh Reddy Poddatur, Juanita Martinez, Chu-Mei Peng, Pantelis George Baramantas, Teresa Fernandez, Jose Cruz Alvarez Martinez, Iris Xiomara Sierra, Nada Jerkovic, Juan Tellez Rangel, Sarp Kocak, Juana Ramirez de Pantoja, Aurelio Jimenez, Michal Armatys, Rosy Oliva Arreaga, Stevanda Vukicevic, Tanuja Reddy Poddatur, Genoveva Atilano, Lelis Estella Lizama, Arel Cherry, Dejan Lukich, Silvia Vazquez, Monica Leticia Dominguez, Rodolfo Macias, Snezana Krkobabic, Mario Gonzalez Salgado, Victor Manuel Garcia Garcia, Maria Carmen Avina, Cristina Varzoaba, Filiberto Corona, Ma Melorie Villagrancia Rodriguez, Hilda Gonzalez, Gregorio Martinez Sanchez, Maria de Jesus Alvarez, Orlando Jimenez Serna, Diana Lewis, Jose Antonio Saldana, Ivanja Corak, Farida

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