

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF SGT JOHN SAVAGE,
USA

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a brave and dedicated hero of the State of Texas and of our Nation.

Sergeant John J. Savage was a soldier in the United States Army and a true American hero. John gave his life in the service of his country on December 4, 2008, when an explosives-laden SUV broadsided Sergeant Savage's armored vehicle in Mosul, Iraq.

Assigned to 2nd 103rd Engineer Company, 94th Engineer Battalion, Sergeant Savage did his part during a time of war, an action that speaks volumes far greater than words about his character and patriotism.

A native of Weatherford, Texas, John had aspirations for a life in the military from a young age. As stated by his mother, "He loved the military. It was a lifelong dream of his."

John had been on active duty in the United States Army for 6 years. He spent 3 years stationed in Germany prior to his first deployment to Iraq in 2005 and was then deployed for a second tour in September of 2007.

Sergeant Savage's three-year-old daughter, Nicole, will continue to learn of her father through family and friends. John's father, a retired Master Sergeant from the United States Army, commented on his son by stating, "His family was his number one priority."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Savage's daughter, parents, siblings, and all of his family and friends. His community and Nation honor his memory, and we are grateful for his faithful and distinguished service to America.

Sergeant Savage will not be forgotten. His memory lives on through his family and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

CELEBRATION OF MRS. MAGGIE
KATIE BROWN KIDD'S 104TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as the Proverb states, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." I rise today to recognize a truly virtuous woman whose life is not only far above rubies, but one of great milestones and accomplishments that is worthy of celebration. On December 8, 2008, Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd will turn 104 years old and I am honored to serve as a spokesman for Mrs. Kidd's family members

and friends who will recognized her birthday with a party in November of last year.

Born during President Theodore Roosevelt's second term in office, Mrs. Kidd has been blessed to see 17 Presidents in her lifetime. The eleventh and youngest child of William and Lucy Brown, Mrs. Kidd learned the importance of hard work and faith in God at an early age. Baptized at the Mount Zion Baptist by the Reverend Henry Gresham, she served under the leadership of the Reverend W.M. Combs until to she moved to her current home in Atlanta Ga. However, her faith is her Lord and her dedication to the church never left her and she instilled the traditions of faith and her work in her own family. She married the late Willie Kidd, III on November 30, 1940, and together they raised their two children, John and Rosalyn. She is also the proud grandmother to four and the great-grandmother to three and serves as the matriarch of her loving family.

Mrs. Kidd's family describes her as a loving and selfless member of her community, offering her time and whatever she has to those in need. She is also an avid quilter and participates in family gathers and activities outside of Georgia. Her most favorite moments, however, are the ones on a quiet afternoon stitching in her favorite chair.

Madam Speaker, I am so honored to serve Mrs. Kidd's representative. Her life is a living history of the times and events that have shaped our great land and is a monument to how far we've come as a Nation. Moreover, her life serves as a testament to individuals and families everywhere that a strong unbinding faith in the Lord, coupled with hard work and a dedication to family will carry you far in life. As the Proverb states, "favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised". Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd truly embodies the example of a virtuous woman and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her life by wishing her a very happy 104th birthday.

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
DONATION REFORM ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Presidential Library Donation Reform Act.

I have long been troubled by the fact that fund-raising for Presidential libraries is completely unregulated and therefore ripe for corruption.

By making information about donations publicly accessible—including the amount, date of the contribution and the name of the contributor—through a free, searchable, database managed by National Archives, we take an important first step toward the accountability due these national landmarks.

However, I do not think that this legislation goes far enough as it does not limit donations in any way, it only discloses them.

While the majority of people who contribute to Presidential libraries do so for the right reason, there are some who do not, including those who do not share our national interests.

In fact, while donations to Presidential election campaigns are limited in amount, and restricted altogether from foreign governments, amazingly, foreign individuals and foreign corporations can donate to Presidential libraries even when the President is still in office.

In November I wrote to President Bush urging him not to accept any money from the Chinese government to help fund his Presidential library.

I did not want his library to be tainted by contributions from a government with such a deplorable human rights record. I am similarly concerned by the \$41 million that former President Clinton's foundation has collected from foreign nations including the likes of Saudi Arabia, which is widely known to promote the radical Wahhabi interpretation of Islam within its own borders and in schools and madrassas around the world.

Transparency in government builds accountability. And accountability is good for our democracy. It is long overdue for the American public to know who is contributing to these libraries, and how much, especially when it involves sitting Presidents. This legislation will help—but we must do more.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 293, THE
HOMELESS WOMEN VETERAN
AND HOMELESS VETERANS WITH
CHILDREN REINTEGRATION
GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2009

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Homeless Women Veteran and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program Act of 2009. Madam Speaker, veterans of all conflicts often face challenges that are unique to their military service and that too often result in their becoming homeless.

For veterans, especially women veterans and veterans with dependent children, those challenges can become nearly insurmountable when combined with a lack of appropriate housing. This legislation seeks to provide appropriate housing for women veterans and family-style housing for any homeless veteran with dependent children. Specifically, this bill creates a new grant for providers that offer family-style housing for homeless veterans with dependent children.

The bill also requires recipients to provide employment counseling, placement assistance, literacy, job skill training, and child care services as well as the unique services that

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