

That which our Lord so creates, are but
found deep down within someone like
Nate!
And if ever I have a son, I but hope and
pray . . . he could but be like you this
one!
In Nate!

PASSING OF REVEREND S.L.
ROBERSON

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, a distinguished churchman, much loved in southeast Michigan who led the House of Representatives in prayer on September 5, 2007, has been called by the God he served so faithfully.

Reverend S.L. Roberson, pastor of Metropolitan Memorial Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away on November 11, 2010. His long and faithful service to his God and fellow man has endeared him to the people of the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor region of Southeast Michigan in a very special way.

Reverend Roberson was a Marine and he served this country at Okinawa and Iwo Jima in World War II. When he came home he never stopped serving.

Reverend Roberson led the congregation at Metropolitan Memorial Baptist Church from 1954. He was a leader to that church and he was leader to the Ypsilanti community. He was a gifted communicator and he put that gift to work for his community, his congregation, and his nation.

Reverend Roberson leaves behind a grieving family and thousands of grieving friends and admirers.

He was commemorated in a celebration of his life at Metropolitan Memorial Baptist Church on December 18, 2010.

On behalf of the House of Representatives, which he led in prayer, I extend our condolences to his much loved widow, Mrs. Hollie Roberson, and his family.

A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN
HERO: SERGEANT MAJOR RAY-
MOND MACKEY, 3RD BATTALION
10TH MARINES

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American Hero, Sergeant Major Raymond Mackey of Sierra Vista, Arizona and the 3rd Battalion 10th Marines. This Marine has served our Nation for 28 years; leading and inspiring our Nation's Marines.

On December 23, 2009, while on patrol, he noticed a marker left by the enemy indicating an improvised explosive device, IED, up ahead. As he pushed a fellow Marine out of the way of the IED, it exploded and Sergeant Major Mackey lost his legs and almost his life. With the help of his wife, Vicki, he recovered and is doing well today.

I ask that the following poem by Albert Caswell penned in honor of Major Mackey and his family be placed in the RECORD:

ARIZONA'S BRIGHT SON

Arizona's son . . .
Shining, but so very brightly . . . as but
does, so this one!
Ah yes Raymond, you are one of her bright-
est of all ones!
As thy will be done!
A United States Marine, oh yes, you are on
one of the finest of all things!
That, this our Country . . . has . . . ever so
seen . . .
As a leader of women and men, as upon bat-
tlefields of honor you would descend
. . .
A Sergeant Major, whose entire life will be
. . . and has always been . . .
One of strength in honor, time and time
again!
As so boldly forth, Mac you have worn that
fine shade of green!
As a magnificent brave heart, who would go
off to war to lead . . .
Leaving behind, all that you so loved . . .
and adored!
All for God and Country, all for our most
precious freedom to ensure!
As into such fine heroes, molding and lead-
ing our men and women so for sure!
As when, all in that moment's of truth . . .
Saving your brother in arm's life, giving up
your own two strong legs . . . as lies
the proof!
As when, you looked down . . . and so saw
what you had found . . .
As the tears upon his most heroic face, came
streaming down!
But, Marines don't quit! They lead!
As now Sergeant Major Mackey, you have a
new battle to win . . . a new war to
succeed!
For some heroes, are but put upon this earth!
To teach us, to reach us . . . to all of our
hearts so beseech us . . . all in their
worth!
For all in our Lord God's heart, they do so
surely come first!
As does, this bright son now shine! As over
the skies of Arizona, you so rise!
With but your faith and courage, but bring-
ing tears to all of our eyes!
The kind of son, I wished was mine!
Who will one day, Heaven . . . for his faith
and courage, wings will so find!
Oh Mac, how you do shine! All in your life,
all in your time!
And all of those lives that you have saved
. . .
And all of those magnificent heroes you have
so trained and trained!
And all for your most heroic brothers in
arms, who no so lie in soft quiet graves
. . .
Have so marched forth all in those magnifi-
cent shades of green!
As you will rise up with your heart of cour-
age full, as once again to lead the way!
As your most courageous life, so brightens
all of our days!
Marine! "Oh Mackey, how you do shine!"
There's an even brighter son, now shining
this day all in Arizona's skies!
It's you, Sergeant Major Raymond Mackey,
whose heart to new heights as does so
rise!

HONORING BILL COGBILL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize and

honor Sonoma County Sheriff Bill Cogbill, who is retiring after a 36-year career in law enforcement.

Sheriff Cogbill began his career in 1975 with the Petaluma Police Department in Sonoma County. Three years later, he joined the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office as a patrol officer assigned to various beats throughout this large, rural county.

He was promoted to Detective in 1987 and specialized in narcotics enforcement. He was promoted to Sergeant the following year and was assigned to Patrol and Personnel Services.

In 1995 he was promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned to the Town of Windsor as that community's Chief of Police. He served in this capacity for three years when he became Captain of the Sheriff's Field Services, a position he held until 2003 when he was elected Sheriff.

He had many specialty assignments during his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, including service with the Hazardous Incident Team, Street Crimes Unit, Field Training Officer Program and Instructor and Coordinator of Defensive Tactics.

Sheriff Cogbill has received numerous awards and citations during his long career, including the Sheriff's Distinguished Service Award, the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award, and the Bob Tucks Peace Award. He is also a graduate of the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Sheriff Cogbill has served on numerous local and state committees working to improve public safety, law enforcement and detention services, including the Board of Directors of the California State Sheriff's Association Board of Directors. He has continuously encouraged his Command Staff to participate fully in professional organizations and within the community.

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Bill Cogbill has served the people of Sonoma County well during his distinguished career. It is appropriate that we commend him for his many years of public service and wish him well on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBU-
TIONS OF LEIGH ANN BROWN TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Leigh Ann Brown. She can best be described as my 'right hand' and she has been with me almost as long.

Leigh Ann has literally worked with me from the beginning of my political career. We share the same hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Her work with me actually started as the fortunate result of my mother telling me that "My good friend's daughter is interested in politics." So in 1984, as a high school senior, she worked on my first campaign; and every summer of college she either worked on my campaign or as an intern in my office.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University, she immediately joined my Washington, DC