

When, who lives . . . or dies? And who but  
lives to see another sunrise?  
When, it all so depends on you! Such Splen-  
did Splendor, Such God-like Light!  
Which, bring's such tears to even The Angels  
eyes! All in such selfless sacrifice!  
While, bathed all In Honor's Light! Good-  
ness! Evil! Darkness! Light!  
Those Brave Hearts, Who Evil Must Fight!  
Who so shine, who but bring their  
light!  
All In Honor's Light!  
Moments! Are all we have! When, it all so de-  
pends on you!  
When, death but lies so very close! As when  
you Leroy, so rose to such new heights!  
Ranger, all in your most brilliant light! As it  
all so came shining through!  
All in valor's most magnificent hue! For  
what child will now be born?  
For which love's, will so live on?  
Who might change the world, or rise . . . all  
In Honor's Height!  
Sgt. 1st Class Petry, All because you! When,  
All In Honor and Death . . .  
What your fine heart, so pledged!  
For what was right and what is true! 'Ah yes,  
Ranger's lead, Leroy as so did you!  
All for our nation, and that old Red, White  
and Blue!  
All for your Brothers In Arms, as your most  
courageous heart so grew!  
All in, Your Most Magnificent Hue! All In  
Honor's Light, So Very True!  
As why this day Ranger Petry, you so shine  
so true!  
With all of those other magnificent's . . .  
Who now so who, have so shown All Honor's  
Light so too!  
As this Medal of Honor, we now bestowed  
upon You!  
All In Honor's Light! This hue!  
OOO-AH!

—by *Albert Carey Caswell.*

#### IN HONOR OF PAUL BURIK

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul Burik, who is being honored at this year's American Nationalities Movement's awards dinner.

Mr. Burik, was born in Budvar, in what was then Czechoslovakia. In 1968, during the Soviet invasion, he and his father managed to escape and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating from Kent State University with a degree in architecture, Paul spent much of his professional career working as Chief Architect for the City of Cleveland.

Mr. Burik is currently the President of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation, an organization consisting of more than two dozen gardens representing various nationalities. Among the gardens is a Czech Garden. Since he became President, the Cultural Gardens have expanded annually for the past four years and several more nationalities are waiting to build a garden. Mr. Burik is also the President of the Cleveland Chapter of the Czech and Slovak Society of Arts and Sciences, a nonprofit cultural organization.

Mr. Burik currently resides in Avon, Ohio, with his wife, Fran, with whom he has two children and two grandchildren. In Avon, Paul is the co-Founder and Secretary of the French Creek Development Association, an organization dedicated to the improvement and promotion of downtown Avon.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Paul Burik, a man who has dedicated so much of his time and talents to his community and its betterment.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and privilege to congratulate New York—Presbyterian Hospital for its impressive achievement of once again ranking number one among New York hospitals according to U.S. News and World Report's 2011–2012 Best Hospital Rankings. Nationally, New York—Presbyterian ranked sixth out of almost 5,000 hospitals. The hospital offers the highest quality comprehensive care, which has also landed it on U.S. News' Honor Roll for the eleventh year in a row. Achieving this prestigious distinction is no small feat. In order to reach this list, a hospital must be ranked at or near the top in at least six specialties. New York—Presbyterian is highly ranked in 11. These specialties include Cancer; Cardiology & Heart Surgery; Diabetes & Endocrinology; Geriatrics; Neurology & Neurosurgery; Orthopedics; Psychiatry; and Pulmonology. The hospital is also nationally ranked in 15 adult and 10 pediatric specialties.

New York—Presbyterian Hospital is the largest not-for-profit, non-sectarian hospital in the United States, with 2,409 beds and nearly 2 million inpatient and outpatient visits annually. The hospital has 6,144 affiliated physicians and a staff of nearly 20,000. New York—Presbyterian is a teaching hospital with five major centers located throughout New York State. It is accredited by the Joint Commission and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

There are many other attributes to this great institution that keep it among the nation's top hospitals. New York—Presbyterian Hospital puts its patients first, staying on the cutting edge of life-saving technology. As the only hospital in the United States affiliated with two Ivy-League medical schools, the hospital seeks to reinvent medical practice, offering breakthrough treatments for brain and prostate cancers. The hospital has centers and institutes dedicated specifically to cardiology and reproductive medicine. New York—Presbyterian Hospital offers world class care, with the largest solid organ transplant program in the nation. Safety and quality are top priorities for the hospital and they have created an award-winning "Patient Safety Fridays" program that has been adopted by medical centers throughout the country.

It brings immense honor to the fifteenth district of New York and to the state as a whole, for the commendable work of this hospital to be recognized on a national scale. I congratulate New York—Presbyterian, the President and CEO of the hospital, Dr. Herbert Pardes, and encourage them to keep up the great work.

RECOGNITION OF BEVERLY ARMSTRONG AND HER SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY

#### HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable service of Beverly Armstrong to the United States of America. Like many military spouses, Beverly has devoted her life to the United States Army as the wife of Retired Sergeant First Class John P. Armstrong and as a Department of the Army Civilian. After twenty-one years of loyal and dedicated service to the U.S. Army as a civilian employee, Beverly retired from Fort Devens, Massachusetts on June 30, 2011.

Beverly Armstrong was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia on October 11, 1947. Beverly met SFC Armstrong when he returned to Virginia in 1967 from his first tour of duty in Vietnam and they married two months later. Shortly after, SFC Armstrong was deployed to Fort Wainwright, Alaska and Fort Leonardwood, Missouri with Beverly by his side. SFC Armstrong was deployed to a second tour of duty in Vietnam two years later where he was wounded by gunfire. SFC Armstrong returned to active duty in Korea and Germany while Beverly remained in the United States. Their last active duty posting was at Fort Devens, Massachusetts where SFC Armstrong retired in 1986.

Beverly and SFC Armstrong both returned to the U.S. Army in 1989 as civilian employees. Beverly continued serving her country and its military as a Military Pay Clerk, Statistician at the U.S. Army Hospital, and a Procurement Clerk and Purchasing Agent, all at Fort Devens. Later, as a Contract Specialist within the Fort Devens Contracting Office, Beverly honored her country by processing contracts for soldiers involved in Operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, and Enduring Freedom. During her tenure as a federal employee with the U.S. Army, Beverly served with pride and valor just as she has served her country throughout her life.

Beverly Armstrong contributed twenty-one years of civilian service in addition to over forty years as a military spouse. Beverly stood by SFC Armstrong through six deployments including three overseas and one in a combat zone. Military families sacrifice much in the support of our troops. It is only fitting that all Americans recognize their considerable service for our country. On the occasion of her retirement, I commend Beverly for an extensive and auspicious civilian career with the U.S. Army and express my sincere gratitude for her distinguished service to the United States of America.

#### ADDRESSING OUR NATION'S POVERTY PROBLEM

#### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2011*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, earlier today my colleagues spoke about poverty in