

Rollcall vote 310 (Chaffetz Amendment): "no."
 Rollcall vote 311 (McClintock Amendment No. 6): "no."
 Rollcall vote 312 (Kaptur Amendment): "yea."
 Rollcall vote 313 (Tonko Amendment): "no."
 Rollcall vote 314 (Hahn Amendment): "yea."

TANYA ESTRADA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tanya Estrada for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Tanya Estrada is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tanya Estrada is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tanya Estrada for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A VETERAN'S MESSAGE TO HIS COUNTRY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of the members of my family who have served this country in wartime. My cousin Arthur Cozewith, has remained a vigorous advocate for fair treatment for all of our veterans.

On Memorial Day this year, he was the guest speaker after the parade in his hometown of Pearl River, New York, and he shared with me the remarks he made on that occasion.

I grew up listening to Arthur's stories of what he and the others went through during World War II, including the experience of prisoners of war, and I continue to be inspired by his determination to see that others who serve are treated the way they should be treated by a nation that should be grateful, and through its gratitude helps define our greatness.

Mr. Speaker, as an expression of family pride and in agreement with his message, I ask that the eloquent remarks of my cousin Arthur Cozewith be printed here as a reminder to us as we legislate this year on matters affecting veterans of how important our duty is.

I would like to thank Honorable Judge and Vietnam War flyer extraordinaire Paul Phinney III for the Honor on this Memorial Day of presenting some of my memories, thoughts and thanks related to the sacrifices

made by our veterans. At the age of 18, in November 1942, I enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during WWII as a rifleman in Co. F, 333rd Infantry Regiment of the 84th Division, participating in the battle for Europe. Now, 67 years after the end of WWII, I still remember the days of blood, mud and hot steel and the impact of such days on my buddies, my friends and my relatives serving in the armed forces. I still remember my Army buddy, 19-year-old Bob Koebler, killed in action on Dec. 2, 1944, my Uncle David Golush who died of wounds received during the battle for Sicily and my high school friend, Bill Miller, who died when his bomber crashed. I remember that there were exactly 34 bunks in a German reinforced concrete fortification because a wounded American soldier occupied each one. I remember the mistreatment and slow starvation of Americans who were POW's. I remember all the things I don't want to remember.

As I remember, I readily relate to those veterans who sacrificed body and mind during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, Gulf Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan and the wars before and in-between to preserve this great country we live in—the United States of America. I am forever grateful for those sacrifices, which now enable my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to live with equality and freedom.

I also remember that during WWII, our country acted like a sleeping giant who had been rudely awakened. Americans were united as one, as close together as the fingers in a closed fist. Our decisions were based on one consideration—what was best for America. "What is in it for me" was not a permissible thought. We accepted rationing, censorship and lack of goods in the stores. We grew our own vegetables in victory gardens, we conserved everything, we had air raid drills and bought E bonds to save our economy and onward the list goes—winning was not only our sole objective, but also our only option in order to preserve our freedom.

As we face the challenges of today and the new challenges to come, I wonder if we can again work in unity for the best interests of the country. Will we be able to pass along to future generations the same opportunities we were provided by those who sacrificed their lives for all that is great about America?

To ensure a bright future for our country, I ask all of you not to forget that these sacrifices led to our resulting good fortune. Adopt a creed that fits within President John Kennedy's words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Insist that those in power, both elected and non elected, act in a manner that puts country first. Keep in mind the truth in the adage "United we stand . . . divided we fall." Become and remain proactive in promoting and implementing these ideals after today's remembrances have gone by.

And finally, show your appreciation to the Veteran Community. If you are an uncommitted eligible Veteran, Pearl River American Legion Post 329 and VFW post 7370 welcomes you to join us as we reach out to Veterans and the community at large.

Remember our war disabled veterans and work to alleviate their on going pain and suffering by insisting that our Congress and Veterans Administration eliminate an antiquated processing system which results in delaying claims in some cases for more than a year.

Thank you for listening. G-d Bless us all and G-d Bless America.

—Arthur Cozewith

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER EDWARD LEE SR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Commander Edward Lee Sr. For 34 years, Lieutenant Commander Lee has served in the United States Navy and in the fall will celebrate his retirement after decades of service to his community.

Lieutenant Commander Lee has deployed ten times to the Indiana Ocean, Gulf of Oman, Sea of Japan, and Mediterranean during his career. Promoted to his current rank of Lieutenant Commander in June of 2008, it is evident that Lieutenant Commander Lee has truly committed himself to the United States Navy. Subsequent to his time in the service, Lieutenant Commander Lee has taken great pride in furthering his education. In 2004, LCDR graduated Cum Lade with a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Leo University. In addition Lieutenant Commander Lee received his Master's of Science in Information Assurance from University of Maryland.

Lieutenant Commander Lee's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), and several other Service and Campaign ribbons and medals. He was promoted to the rank of E-8 (SCPO) in February of 1998, as a result of his selecting for the Limited Duty Officer Commissioning Program. After that, he worked his way up to the rank of Lieutenant Commander

Lieutenant Commander Lee's long and impressive career showcases his commitment and service to not only his local community but also to the Nation. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking LCDR Edward Lee Sr. for his work and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

CELEBRATING CHUCK ROGERS' 25 YEARS AT SPRINGFIELD LITTLE THEATRE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, for 25 years John R. "Chuck" Rogers has tapped into his artistic talents to entertain audiences at the Springfield Little Theatre.

As the Springfield Little Theatre's technical director, Chuck has played an instrumental role in more than 175 productions.

I had the honor of working with him and seeing up close his talents and passion for the theatre when he directed me in a production of *Cheaper by the Dozen* in 1994. Having no prior acting experience, I can attest to the tremendous job and care he puts into the entire production.

In addition to the Springfield Little Theatre, Chuck shares his artistic talents with the Springfield Ballet, Springfield Regional Opera, Ozarks Technical Community College, The