

based operator, at John Wayne Airport in Orange County, California and in 2009 he established the Lyon Air Museum to preserve and promote the memory of WWII and "The Greatest Generation."

It is hard to imagine that General Lyon would have any free time on his hands yet he always found time for his community. He currently serves as a Director on the Segerstrom Center for the Arts Board, having been a former Chairman of that Board. General Lyon is the founding Chairman of the Orangewood Children's Foundation, and past Chairman of Boy Scouts of America, Orange County Council. Additionally, he has served as Board Chairman of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of The United Way.

Throughout General Lyon's incredible life he has been loved and supported by his wonderful family including his wife Willa Dean Lyon, and children, Christine Lyon Rhoades, Mary Susan Lyon Isola, William H. Lyon, Marcia Stone and Byron Russell.

We have come to know General Lyon well through many years working together on a variety of projects in California. We can all personally attest to General Lyon's incredible work-ethic, professionalism, and positive attitude. In light of all General Lyon has done for southern California and our country, it is only fitting that he be honored as he celebrates his 90th birthday. General Lyon's honorable service to our country and tireless passion for public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our country, state and community. We are proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many people are grateful for his service and salute him on this great milestone.

SUPPORTING PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Public School Week. This weeklong series of events is designed to inform and transform the civic conversation around public education. In order for America to lead in the 21st century, our foremost social and economic imperative should be to provide a quality education to all of our students.

In my city of Dallas, four magnet schools were identified as Blue Ribbon schools. These four Dallas Independent School District (ISD) schools are the Environmental Science Academy, the Townview School of Science and Engineering Magnet High School, the Rosie M. Collins Sorrells School of Education and the Social Services Magnet High School and Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School. Being identified as a Blue Ribbon school means they are among the finest schools in the country, and I am proud of these four stellar institutions and others like them.

Townview Magnet is one of the most diverse schools in Texas, with minorities representing over half of the student population. Townview is a gem in my Congressional district and home to some of the Nation's best and brightest students. Newsweek Magazine

has consistently rated Townview's Science and Engineering Magnet as one of the top high schools in the Nation. Townview serves as a model for other institutions of learning across the country.

Mr. Speaker, many of our best and our brightest students attend public schools and with encouragement and support from their principals and teachers they are capable of achieving remarkable success. We cannot allow our schools to lose the critical funding they need to operate simply because we as a Congress cannot work together to solve sequestration. Texas is poised to lose approximately \$67.8 million for primary and secondary education, putting around 930 teacher and aide jobs at risk. In addition about 172,000 fewer students would be served and approximately 280 fewer schools would receive funding.

Mr. Speaker, supporting our Nation's public schools will help us out-educate, out-innovate, and out-build the rest of the world. We must identify ways to help improve schools like these that provide educational excellence to our communities. We must not waver in our commitment to our children and the future of this country.

HARROWISM! IN HONOR OF TEAM LEADER CAPTAIN BENJAMIN CONRAD HARROW 7TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Team Leader Captain Benjamin Harrow of The United States Army, 7th Special Forces Group, Green Berets. On May 15, 2012 while out on patrol, an IED explosion almost left Benjamin mortally wounded. Losing both of his legs and sustaining numerous other life threatening injuries he has come back from the dead. Already in such a short time his recovery is at full speed ahead. With the help of his and her family and his lovely wife Gina and son Peyton, he has found the strength and inspiration to heal. Spend a little time with Ben, and you will understand why he became Team Leader of one of our Nation's elite members of The Special Forces Group 7. Ben is a graduate of The United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a star lacrosse player for Army. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell.

HARROWISM!

A hero!
 And from where do they all so come?
 Men of honor,
 who so walk upon battlefields of death . . .
 as Thy Kingdom Come!
 And all of those who from out of the ashes,
 rebuild their lives with not much left who
 have begun . . .
 As when they come back home all in this
 most magnificent quests!
 Indeed, these are but America's most heroic
 of all sons who so bless!
 Who so go off to war where angels so fear to
 tread . . .
 Who for all of us heroically have so died,
 and bled!
 And come back home so very close to death!

To somehow lift up their fine heads!
 All in what their most magnificent hearts
 have so said!
 Armed, with but only their Harrowism which
 so beats within their chests!
 As from out of all of this darkness,
 they must now so pass that test!
 To so summon up,
 all of the courage and the strength To But
 Be The Best!
 Oh what A Special Force this is no less!
 As they come back home so cheating death!
 As we so watch all in such awe as we lose our
 breath!
 As they rise up to so teach us all about
 Harrowism no less!
 As high above all others they now stand so
 yes!
 Heroes!
 Because, Heroes come in all shapes and sizes!
 But, it's what's within their great hearts
 that which so comprises!
 But who they are!
 Moving all out into that darkness of death
 all at light speeds,
 as their fine hearts so crest!
 As out across a nation,
 a mother now so weeps in her sorrow . . .
 All because for us,
 her most precious son gave up his tomor-
 row's yes!
 For they lead!
 And we will follow!
 And ah yes,
 for these are but such a special breed who in
 pity will not so wallow!
 And then there is a special breed,
 The Special Forces!
 A SPECIAL FORCE of nature so complete!
 As all throughout their veins their most he-
 roic blood beats!
 The ones who the enemy so fears,
 and so heed's!
 Who upon battlefields of honor bright,
 come all at them fast breaking all at such
 speeds!
 The ones who can not so be checked,
 by any enemy!
 Whose most selfless souls,
 now so make the angels weep!
 As we so pray to our Lord,
 to watch over them to keep!
 And for all of those ones,
 who must now come back home on this night
 . . .
 Who must now begin their new most gallant
 of all fights . . .
 All on that hard road to recovery,
 as we watch their brave hearts so ignite!
 Men without arms and legs,
 who so teach us all about faith!
 Whose families,
 so give to them the strength to meet each
 new coming day!
 Who now so stand with tears in eyes!
 As before them all in pieces their loved ones
 lie!
 As these Heroes so touch our hearts and
 souls,
 with but all of their most amazing grace as
 we behold!
 To so show to this our world how Angels are
 made!
 For these are men of such courage and con-
 viction!
 And of such undying faith we are so wit-
 nessing!
 Rising up from the ashes,
 Who All In The Game of Life so lead the way
 . . .
 All in what their most precious lives have to
 say!
 And, from out of all our Nation's Academes
 . . .
 But, have come our Nation's very best!