

in honor of Adam's courageous sacrifice for our nation and the inspiration he offers to his family, friends, and those he meets along his journey today.

THE KEYS TO LIFE

Along the road of life. . .
 There are some Keys to so realize. . .
 That which, we should all so live by!
 Up which rise so very high,
 up above all else which now so lies!
 Where, faith and honor. . .
 but so touch the sky!
 That which so determines,
 who we are as realized!
 When, who so lives and so dies!
 All in these the short moments of our
 lives. . .
 All in that most magnificent code,
 that which we should all so live by. . .
 A code of honor,
 that which so makes even the Angels cry!
 That all in our stead,
 so determines if we have so followed or led!
 And so left behind!
 When, to this world we say goodbye. . .
 For The Greatest Things of All,
 we find in hearts of courage full who come to
 call!
 Who so serve our country armed with words
 like,
 Strength In Honor, Faith and Courage. . .
 who all in the darkest nights will not so be
 discouraged. . .
 With words like Duty, Country, and God,
 which so ranks the highest of them all. . .
 As The Key To Life is so found,
 all in a heart of faith which now so astound!
 So very deep down,
 inside of one's soul that which comes to
 call. . .
 All in your most splendid life,
 as Adam we have so saw. . .
 Which brings such tears,
 to even the Angel's eyes which now fall. . .
 That gives one the strength to so coura-
 geously stand tall!
 While, all those darkest of all nights of all!
 As we so see Adam's fine heart so come to
 call!
 But, to wear that uniform. . .
 of The United States Army,
 and march off to war with hearts of courage
 warm. . .
 To so face of death,
 but For The Greater Good all in a Heroes
 quest!
 All in your most heroic sheen,
 To But Be The Best!
 And Adam,
 when in that moment of truth,
 as there you were so close to death!
 As your fine life hung by just a thread. . .
 As four of your Brothers In Arms,
 now beside you so heroically lie dead!
 And you so saw,
 what this war had done. . .
 and you so began to cry for your lost loved
 ones. . .
 As it was all in that moment of truth,
 as when you so gallantly denied death!
 As your fine heart so chose to fight,
 to rise up with not much left!
 As you so dug deep down inside,
 and so reached for the skies!
 But, to Live or Die?
 As somehow,
 you so found that faith and courage to so
 survive!
 As Pennsylvania's Pride,
 as you so wiped away all of those tears from
 your eyes!
 And you so began your new battle cry!
 As all out on your road to recovery,
 as you so passed them all so by!
 As somehow we must catch up to you,
 so try!
 For it's all within your great heart of faith,

that you found the way. . .
 But where The Key's To Life So Lie!
 As you so unlocked all of that heartache and
 pain,
 and would not compromise!
 As your fine heart got up,
 and so began to rise!
 And for all of your fallen Brothers In Arms,
 you so carry with you now inside!
 As you so honor them all in this way,
 all in what your most courageous life now
 portrays!
 As you are Army Strong in every way!
 Hoo. . . ah. . . as you so rebuild your life day
 after day!
 For a heart can take us to places,
 to where dreams are so made this!
 Can so help us to win wars,
 and bring us back from the dead as the world
 we so amaze!
 Even without legs, and arms. . .
 can help us walk again and hold the world in
 our arms this day!
 For Adam they may take your strong arm
 and legs!
 But, they can not so touch Adam,
 what's within your fine heart of faith so
 armed!
 Because, Adam you are Army Strong!
 And your fine life is but a song,
 a song of character and faith to us which
 now belongs. . .
 With The Keys To Life to keep us strong!
 So we better start running,
 if we want to catch up to you!
 Because, some people are put upon this
 earth. . .
 To So Teach and So Beseech Us All In Their
 Great Worth!
 So surely Adam,
 as you have so shown us all what so truly
 comes first!
 And your fine Mother,
 who through thick and thin stood. . .
 Has so stood by you in the very worst!
 And helped you with your rebirth!
 For these are The Keys To Life,
 chapter and verse!
 And if ever I have a son,
 I wish he could be as courageous as this one!
 Who with his fine heart of gold,
 so shines like the morning sun,
 for all of us to so behold!
 Because Adam,
 all in what your fine life is about. . .
 Are also found the keys to Heaven no doubt!
 As you have so bravely shown us all,
 how to so live with and without!
 But, up in Heaven. . .
 you need not arms nor legs. . .
 And Adam my son,
 that's where you're going one fine day. . .
 Up with our Lord where you will run. . .
 For you have so shone us all,
 The Keys to Life,
 my son!

RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM J. MCKINNEY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. William McKinney, a nationally recognized teacher, scholar, and academic leader, on his appointment as the 9th President of Valdosta State University and to wish him luck during his inaugural week.

Dr. McKinney earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Bucknell University and

both a Master of Arts in History and Philosophy and a Ph.D. at Indiana University-Bloomington. Prior to his appointment as Valdosta State University President, Dr. McKinney served as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, as the Chairperson of Philosophy and Religion at Southeast Missouri State, and as Dean of the College of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

As a lifelong supporter of a liberal arts education, Dr. McKinney has published well over 100 papers, book chapters, and reviews on everything from environmental ethics to civic engagement. I know he will be an asset to the Valdosta State University Campus. I am proud to have him representing Valdosta State University and my home state. Congratulations, again, to Dr. McKinney. I look forward to working with him in the years to come.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CAPTAIN JOHN DEMARCO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary career of Captain John DeMarco, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Niagara Falls Police Department.

A third-generation police officer, Captain DeMarco has a proud family legacy of public service. His grandfather was well-known as a Niagara Falls motorcycle cop. His father was a chief in the New York State Park Police, serving for forty years. His brother, Bob, will remain active in the Niagara Falls Police force as a Juvenile Detective.

Prior to his career in the Niagara Falls Police Department, Captain DeMarco pursued higher education, earning a degree from Niagara University in 1972. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, honorably serving our nation for twelve years.

Upon returning home to Niagara Falls, Captain DeMarco earned a place in the police department's patrol unit. He rose through the ranks, becoming a patrol lieutenant, then a deputy to Superintendent Christopher Carlin in 2000. When Superintendent Carlin left for active military duty from November 2001 to October 2002, he entrusted Captain DeMarco to serve as acting police superintendent, a role he continued to serve under Carlin's successor, John Chella.

As an officer, Captain DeMarco understood and revered the police department's immense responsibility to protect their neighbors. He sought to build trusting relationships with community members, working in conjunction to create a safer Niagara Falls. Active within the community himself, he is a founding member of the Niagara Falls Law Enforcement Foundation and continues to serve on the Niagara Police Athletic League.

Captain DeMarco served Niagara Falls with great pride and bravery. On February 7, 2009, two fellow officers, Walter Nichols Jr. and Michael D. Bird, were shot on South Avenue. The police force united, performing at their