

HONORING THE ORGANIZERS OF
THE LAC-MÉGANTIC BENEFIT
CONCERT AND THE AREA FIRST
RESPONDERS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of Farmington, Maine, who continue to aid and assist the residents of their "sister city," the town of Lac-Mégantic, a small town located near the Canadian border.

Early on the morning of July 6, 2013, a train derailment and horrendous explosion devastated the center of this scenic lake-side town of 6,000 residents. 40 buildings were destroyed, 47 people lost their lives, 2,000 residents were displaced and countless lives were forever changed. The heroism of the local fire department aided by fire crews from the Franklin County towns of Chesterville, Eustis, Farmington, New Vineyard, Phillips, Rangeley and Strong helped to avert an even greater tragedy.

In rural Maine, people know what it means to be a good neighbor, and I am heartened by the outpouring of support that has come from the local communities. Four days after the tragedy, local business leaders and municipalities joined together to launch the Lac-Mégantic Relief Fund, a fundraising campaign to assist the town to recover from this disaster. At last report, over \$32,000 has been raised, and I know that this generosity will help the town through this difficult time.

On Saturday, October 12, 2013, a benefit concert will be held in the University of Maine at Farmington's South Dining Hall, and the community will host Lac-Mégantie's mayor, police chief and head of the Chamber of Commerce. I want to thank Farmington Selectman Ryan Morgan, the Wilton Selectmen, and Maine State Senator Tom Saviello for their hard work in organizing what will be a wonderful evening of entertainment, fellowship and solidarity.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring all of the first-responder heroes who responded to the Lac-Mégantic tragedy and those fellow Mainers who continue to support this community as it rebuilds and recovers.

IN THE BATTLE IN HONOR OF A
REAL AMERICAN HERO SPC
COREY GARMON BRONCO TROOP
PLATOON THE UNITED STATES
ARMY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of one America's and one of Alabama's most heroic sons, and his family. SPC Corey Garmon of Boaz and The United States Army. On July 11, 2012 while out on patrol in Kandahar Corey was almost killed in an IED blast. Losing both his legs and sustaining numerous other life threatening injuries he has battled back. Just recently he celebrated his alive date, marking the one year anniversary of brush with death. His lovely wife Megan has

been by his side from the beginning, giving him the love and support to help bring him through these darkest of all nights. They are about to have their first child. We are not sure if this is blast related or not, but one of Alabama's brightest sons is a Gator fan. We hope in the coming years once he gets back home we can make him see the light. I submit this poem penned by Albert Caswell in honor of his valor and courage and his family's.

IN THE BATTLE

(by Albert Carey Caswell)

In ...

In The Battle!

All In The Fight!

There are but all of those who but bring their light!

Men of honor!

And Men of might!

Who so march off to war with hearts and souls of steel so very bright!

To leave behind all that they so love and adore!

As where they go,

Angels so fear to tread so for sure!

For no day is so promised all in war!

All in this darkest of dread all the more ...

As all around them the red blood flows and pours!

Where it's, one for all ... and all for one!

A place to where fine hearts of Strength In Honor so run!

For these are America's greatest of all Daughters and Sons!

The Men and Women of Bronco Company, who for all of us so do what must so be done!

For they so live by a code!

As they so lock and load!

A Code of Honor!

A Code of Faith!

While, all around them such darkness waves!

As they so bravely stare death right in the face!

As upon each new morn as they awake,

not knowing if this is to be their last and final day!

While, thousands of miles away ...

their families now so cry and pray!

As they so ask our Lord,

to so let their loved ones live just one more day!

As somehow out into that darkness they make their ways!

To a way of honor!

To a way of faith!

To a way of courage,

that so makes the Angels pray!

As they do battle upon each new day!

As their families,

the tears in eyes they make!

And for all of those who upon battlefields of honor who've died!

It's for all of you and your families we now so cry

Because all in that Battle,

all of your promises you did so keep!

As you so pledged your fine lives away,

to all of your Brothers In Arms all in this bond which binds you so very deep!

For in The Battle,

there is something so magnificent of so to speak!

That Keeps Them Strong,

Them So Keeps!

That So Helps Them To So Fight On an On!

That which will not allow their most courageous hearts,

to so retreat!

All In This Battle,

This Battle Oh So Very Deep!

And one such Southern Son,

who to sweet home Alabama his fine heart so speaks!

Specialist Garmon,

whose heart so shines like the mid day sun!

This BO from BOAZ,

and he knows how to lock and load!

And so lives by such a code!

Who is but Army Strong!

Who all for his Country Tis of Thee,

his fine heart beats loud and long!

Who so came out of death to rebuild his life just like a song!

While, all in those moments between life and death ...

As upon him he could so feel but that hand of death!

As it was in that moment Corey,

when to yourself you so made a pledge!

To win this new battle that which to you this war had left!

With your two strong legs now gone,

your most courageous heart would crest!

As somehow it so helped you to move on only with what you had so left!

As it was Life or it was Death,

as you got up and out of the bed to our hearts catch!

All at speed,

as this Bama would not so rest, would not so heed!

For you had mountains to so climb!

And people to so inspire all in your time!

And a great wife named Megan,

so divine!

And with the help of your fine wife,

as she so stood by her man, so by your side!

As together you've so passed one of the greatest tests of time!

In our times, and in our lives ...

There are Battles that we must fight!

Will we so find the strength and the courage, to somehow deep down inside all of our hearts to so nourish!

The strength to so find!

Or in a town called pity will we now so reside,

and feel so sorry for our selves and begin to cry?

Or will we like Corey,

get up and so begin our climb?

All with hearts of courage full,

to once again to do Battle one more time!

For moments,

are all that we all so have!

To change the world!

To so make the good from out of the bad!

To make a difference with it all!

To so teach us!

To so beseech us!

To against all odds in the end still so standing tall!

But your not perfect Corey,

because you're one of the biggest Florida Gator fans of all!

I wonder if that sticks in coach SABANNNNN'S crawl!

Why you won't roll with The Tide at all!

I'm sorry Lou,

but out to this hero The Gator calls!

And when you get back to Bama,

there's work to be done!

We've got to get you to roll with The Tide,

or as a War Eagle fly high my son!

Corey my son,

you are just a young man!

But already,

look at what all in your short life what you have done!

More than most anyone!

And up ahead,

there's so much more for you my son!

Better to live life like a hero,

all in your most heroic sun!

Than to die in the darkness of a life,

of which nothing you have done!

Because, we will all die some day ...

but only heroes up in Heaven will so run!

For life is but a Battle,

that only with but hearts of courage full can so be won!

And Corey, you are one of America's and Alabama's ...

Most Heroic of all Sons