

HOW BOUT DEM DAWGS—IN TRIB-
UTE TO SPECIALIST SAMUEL
ISAAC WALLEY OF THE 82ND
AIRBORNE

HON. ROB WOODALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, the following poem was written by Bert Caswell to honor a great Georgian, Specialist Samuel Isaac Walley of the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division, who nearly lost his life defending our nation in Afghanistan.

HOW BOUT DEM DAWGS
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

How . . .
How bout dem Dawgs!
And from that Great Georgian State,
have but come all of those Freedom Fighters
and Patriots whose hearts await . . .
So await that call!
Men like a King among men,
Dr. King who the cause of Freedom his life
would take!
And all of those magnificents who so go off
to war!
Freedom Fighters whose hearts so chose to
go Airborne,
to fight the fight our hearts adore!
Who so hear that most noble of all calls . . .
That call to freedom and to death!
Who this our Nation do so bless!
Who just like them Georgia Bull Dawgs,
are so very tenacious!
Who so live and die by such a code,
and do not ask why as they so bear the load!
And in any battle . . .
And in any fight . . .
There are but all of those men of faith who
bring their light!
Who are but such Men of Might!
Men of Strength In Honor who all those
wrongs they right!
Men who all for us are but Airborne this
night!
Who jump high out of planes,
all in the dark and light!
Who throughout all the darkness of war bat-
tle bright!
Yea, these are Bull Dawgs . . .
who all for God and Country fine hearts ig-
nite!
As all of those wrongs they right!
As these are the Men of The 82nd Airborne,
who but bring their light!
Who have so helped win all those wars with
their might!
Dropping from up in the skies,
as this force of nature is so on the rise!
As all for country tis of thee,
these brave hearts are so willing to lay down
their lives!
The Bull Dawgs who fight the fight!
Who stand tall in all their light!
And one such man,
a true Son of the South!
Who is a Georgia Bull Dawg throughout!
Now that's what Samuel is all about!
Rouuuughhhh . . . Rouuuughhhh as his
heart pounds loud!
And when you meet SPC Walley,
you've met a real American hero no doubt!
For it was while out on patrol,
when we almost lost this brave soul . . .
As he stepped on an IED,
while moments away from death was he!
But Bull Dawgs do not run,
and Bull Dawgs do not hide!
As this fine man cheated death to somehow
reach deep down inside . . .
As he so wiped away all of those tears from
his eyes!

As he chose life,
as this Bull Dawgs heart went Airborne on
the rise!
Watching his courage,
the Angels too up in Heaven cried!
As his heart went Airborne and began to
climb!
His climb to recovery!
Going Airborne reaching for the skies!
You see,
this young man from Georgia has got a life
to lead!
And so many people To So Teach!
And so many people To So Reach!
And so many souls To Beseech!
And so many people To Inspire,
making all hearts Airborne bringing them
higher!
For he leads and does not follow!
As high above all of the rest he so towers!
Throughout all of that heartache and pain
throughout the hours!
Yes arms and legs we all need,
but we can get by!
But, without a heart like Samuel's we will
all so surely die!
And that's all that Samuel so needs to get
by!
Because pity is a town where he does not re-
side!
As this Bull Dawg fights the fight!
As his courage brings smiles to faces bright!
How bout that Dawg,
who so marches on with all his might!
As he's the kind of soldier,
that General Lee would have been proud
with him to ride!
And when his recovery is done,
its going to be hard to keep with this one!
Because The Army he's staying in my son!
Because, this Man Is Away Strong!
And to them this Hero's Heart does so be-
long!
And for that good old U.S. Army beats loud
and long!
Because in a uniform is where this Bull
Dawg belongs!
And if you looked up the word's "Bull Dawg"
in the dictionary . . .
You'd see a picture of Walley in uniform
looking quite fierce and scary!
As an American who makes us all so proud
to be!
And if ever I had a son,
Dawg gone it I wish that he could be half as
strong as this one!
And How About That Dog!
Georgia Bred and Georgia born!
And get on your knees,
and give thanks to all of these who so fight
on!
Rouuuughhhh . . . Rouuuughhhh!
Samuel, How About That Dog!

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOB POE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Bob Poe. Bob is a successful entrepreneur, accomplished artist, and longtime political operative.
Throughout his adult life, Bob has been involved in nearly every aspect of the political arena: at age 26, he ran for the Florida Senate; he was Chairman of the Florida Democratic Party in the 2000 and 2002 election cycles; and in 2012, he was Central Florida Fi-

nance Chair for the Obama campaign. He has also raised money for many other federal, state, and local campaigns. Currently, Bob serves as Chairman of Charlie Crist for Florida—the national fundraising Political Committee supporting Charlie Crist for Governor.

Bob has been in business for nearly 30 years, managing strategic planning and implementation for several start-up companies in a variety of business segments. He has held various positions in the broadcasting industry and is probably best known for his innovative achievements at WMMO (FM), which was recognized by Billboard Magazine as Radio Station of the Year in 1991. He was also a part of the management team that started the Orlando Magic, Central Florida's NBA franchise.

Most recently, Bob was President of Emergency Communications Network, Inc. (ECN)—the nation's leader in critical communications infrastructure allowing municipal governments to rapidly communicate with their residents in times of emergencies. Bob and his business partners sold ECN in 2011.

Due to his background in creative fields and his drive to discover and imaginatively use innovative products, Bob began experimenting with iPhone photography as soon as it came on the market in 2007. His spontaneous and thought-provoking photographs sparked interest from collectors and gained him international recognition for his groundbreaking art.

Bob and his partner, Ken Brown, live in Orlando, Florida and Beverly Hills, California.

I am happy to honor Bob Poe, during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECT
STUDENTS FROM FAILING INSTI-
TUTIONS ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, this past January, students attending a local for-profit college, Career Colleges of America (CCA), in my district showed up to class only to find the doors of their school locked. CCA's longtime financial troubles had finally overcome the business and it was forced to close, abandoning its students and faculty.

The result was a nightmare for the over 800 students enrolled at the three CCA branches in Southern California. Many of these students are low-income and had taken out up to \$30,000 in federal loans and Pell Grants to put toward an education they thought would lead to a career in the health care industry. These students were working to better themselves, but through no fault of their own are now saddled with a financial headache and no degree to show for it.

Unfortunately, stories like this are not unique. We have seen this happen before in which irresponsible institutions take advantage of their students, aiming to profit off of them rather than educate them, and upon closure, leave their students in financial ruin. More often than not, credits cannot transfer and these students are forced to start over completely at a new institution.

There are steps we can take to make these students whole again. Fortunately, many of

these students are often able to have their federal loans discharged, relieving them of tens of thousands of dollars of burdensome debt if their school closes. However, students who attended a campus that closed but was part of a larger institution that remained open often unable to have their loans discharged. Moreover, any Pell Grants that the student had received to attend that institution still count toward their lifetime limit, often making it more difficult and costly when the students make another attempt to earn their degree.

That is why I am introducing the Protect Students from Failing Institutions Act, which would ensure every student who was enrolled in a campus that closed, regardless of whether the institution closes or not, can have their federal loans discharged and their Pell Grants restored. These small changes will mean so much to these victimized students as they continue their education.

IN RECOGNITION OF GORDON
HARGROVE

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Gordon Hargrove, who will soon enter his fiftieth year of service to the community at Friendly House in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Friendly House opened in 1920. Its mission was to promote the health of Worcester neighborhoods by integrating immigrants into the cultural and civic life of the city. In 1965, after volunteering for several years, Gordon Hargrove was hired as the first Program Director for Friendly House. The following year, Friendly House received its first federal grant, which enabled it to provide social services to 2,000 seniors, teens and needy neighborhood families. While Friendly House remained faithful to its mission of welcoming the stranger, it offered new programs to respond to new needs of the community.

Worcester is so fortunate that Mr. Hargrove was there to guide these new projects. By 1970, Mr. Hargrove assumed the Executive Director position, which he continues to hold. Today, under Mr. Hargrove's direction, Friendly House provides housing, emergency help, food, medical care, after-school and summer programs, day care, senior programs, and counseling to inner-city families.

On behalf of the people of Worcester, I thank Gordon Hargrove for his exemplary selflessness and extraordinary service. I know my House colleagues will join me in congratulating Gordon for reaching fifty years of working at Friendly House, and wishing him continued success in the years to come.

HONORING MR. PAUL J. RUPERT
AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
CLASS OF 2014

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Paul J.

Rupert as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2014.

Paul graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in Biology, and he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 28th, 2014.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Paul's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

The challenge for this young man will be to retain as much as possible, pass what he learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Paul and his accomplishments, and we look forward to his continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Paul embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Paul my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT CARL
MEYER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mr. Robert Carl Meyer. Mr. Meyer, a resident of Union Beach, New Jersey, died in the line of duty on June 8, 2014 after responding to a four-alarm fire at a local business. Mr. Meyer should be remembered for his decades of volunteer service to Union Beach and Middletown fire departments.

Robert Meyer was employed as a driver for the United Parcel Service (UPS) in addition to his volunteer fire service. He joined the Belford Engine Company in Middletown in 1979 and was a life member and later became a member of the Union Hose Fire Company in Union Beach.

In 2005, Mr. Meyer was honored by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for selfless actions to help pull an accident victim out of a burning truck. Assisting a New Jersey State Trooper who was already on the scene, Mr. Meyer used a fire extinguisher that he carried with him to abate the flames and then, along with the trooper, extracted the trapped driver safely.

Robert Meyer grew up in Middletown and moved to Union Beach in 1992, where his family currently resides. Along with many in his community, the Meyer's home suffered substantial damage from Superstorm Sandy. They just recently moved back into their home, having lived in a trailer following the storm.

The son of Robert Meyer and Ann Becker, Mr. Meyer was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on June 14, 1959. Mr. Meyer leaves behind a loving family, including his wife Linda

Butler Meyer, siblings James Meyer, Steven Meyer and Laura Russo-Kay, in-laws and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. Meyer for his heroism and lifetime dedication to his family and community.

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF JACK LORD

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Jack Lord. Mr. Lord was born in Orlando, Florida where he attended Winter Park High School. He later attended the University of Florida, earning a B.A. in English with a minor in Spanish and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 1994 and served as articles editor for the Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy. During his time in law school, he participated in The AIDS Service Project (TASP).

Mr. Lord is very involved in LGBT community activities. For several years, he was president of the board of directors of the Hope and Help Center of Central Florida. The Hope and Help Center is an AIDS resource network that is committed to saving lives by treating and preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS in Central Florida. He has been a member of the Central Florida Gay and Lesbian Bar Association since 2004 and a member of the National LGBT Bar Association since 2007. Mr. Lord is also involved with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), participating in fundraising and other political activities. Mr. Lord was also involved as a community advocate when the City of Orlando amended its anti-discrimination ordinance to include protections for sexual orientation.

Mr. Lord is involved in a number of civic activities including serving as vice president and board member of Orlando Shakespeare Theater; a past board of trustees member of the Orange County Legal Aid Society; past president of the nominating board of the City of Orlando; and Guardian ad Litem for abused and neglected children. Mr. Lord's pro bono efforts also include serving as a pro bono attorney for the AIDS Wills Project of Orange County Legal Aid Society from 1995 to 1999.

Mr. Lord is currently a partner with the national law firm Foley & Lardner LLP. He has worked at the firm since 1994 and is co-chair of the firm's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affinity Group. Mr. Lord was instrumental in the decision of having Foley & Lardner grant domestic partnership benefits to all of its lawyers and employees. Continually participating in recruiting and retention efforts for LGBT attorneys, he was involved with policy changes aimed to ensure Foley & Lardner received ratings of 100 percent on the HRC's Corporate Equality Index.

In 2005, Mr. Lord received the Orlando Business Journal's "40 under 40" award, which is presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to their professions and communities. In 1997, he received