

HONORING 1ST LT. NATHAN RIMPF

HON. DAVID E. PRICEOF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent from Raleigh, North Carolina, who was injured on patrol in Andar Province, Afghanistan, on July 8th of this year. Ranger 1st Lieutenant Nathan Rimpf, United States Army, was team leader of Demon Company 2-16 Rangers when he stepped on an improvised explosive device and was seriously injured. I had the honor of visiting Lieutenant Rimpf and his family last month at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where he is receiving treatment for his wounds. I was deeply moved by Lieutenant Rimpf's strength, optimism, and dedication to country and fellow servicemembers, and I know he, like his brother in the United States Capitol Police, will continue to serve his country honorably for years to come. I wish Lieutenant Rimpf and his family the very best, and respectfully submit this poem by Albert Caswell in his honor:

THE FEW

The . . .
The Few!
Only, The Few!
Only, The Brave!
Can but so wear that most heroic title and beret,
of a United States Ranger as who!
And so bathe, all in that most heroic hue!
Ranger's like Jimmy Regan, Pat Tillman,
and Kyle Comfort who our world have so graced!
Who have all so worn courage's most courageous face!
For Rangers Fight!
And Rangers Lead!
And Rangers do it all at such deadly speeds!
And for us one all,
Rangers will so die and bleed!
As The United States Rangers so give to our nation what she needs!
And Rangers hunt!
And Rangers evil do so confront!
To stand strong,
to so right all of those wrongs!
To so intercede,
to so bring us peace!
Bought and paid for,
with but all of their fines lives indeed!
As all in Strength In Honor they so believe!
Beware, "THE DEMONS" are after you . . .
time to run!
Sorry but it's time for you to so confront
your "DEMON'S" my son!
As their strong arms and legs for all of us
they so willingly concede!
For all out there but in the darkest of all
nights!
As that's where you shall so find them Leading
ing
The Way . . . The Charge, The Fight!
The United States Rangers,
who but bring their most magnificent of all
lights!
Because, Rangers Lead!
Men like Nathan Rimpf,
whose hearts so shine upon us all on this
very night!
As it was on a July patrol,
When this fine man's life almost went away
. . .
With his two strong legs gone,
as for him his men so knelt and prayed!
And that's when this platoon leader got up
and ran,

ran with his heart that very day!
Just one more hill to climb!
Just one more mountain to so scale all in his
time!
As against all odds once again we would find!
That this Ranger led the way!
Like Superman, the only thing that can stop
him is Kryptonite this day!
For such men are put upon this earth,
to so show us what comes first!
To So Teach Us!
To So Beseech Us!
To So Reach Us!
Who out of such darkness but defeat the
worst!
And come shining through like a star burst!
As have you Nate,
The Carolina Kid who at light speed has so
traversed the most!
For there are but blue skies up ahead of you
Nate to host!
"Can't you just feel the sunshine?"
And if ever I had a son, I wish he could shine
as bright as this one!
Who so teaches us how the game of life is
won!
Moment's are all that we so have!
To fight the bad!
To make a difference with it all!
For something noble, it's better to lose your
two fine legs . . .
Then at the end of your life to so moan and
beg,
as so wished you a better world you had so
made!
But, Only The Few to our world such gifts
can claim!
As you Nathan, The Few . . . are but one and
the same!
And that's why the word Ranger is in front
of your name!
The Few can claim!

HONORING ANTHONY CURETON,
PRESIDENT OF BERGEN COUNTY,
NJ NAACP CHAPTER

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents and dear friends, Mr. Anthony Cureton, who is the President of the Bergen County, New Jersey Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). I commend Anthony Cureton for receiving the 2012 Outstanding President Award by the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP and for his continued community service to Northern New Jersey.

Anthony Cureton was born in Englewood, New Jersey and completed his early education in the Englewood Public School System, culminating with his graduation from Dwight Morrow High School in 1986. After high school, he was hired by the City of Englewood as a police officer. During his 23 years as an officer, Anthony has had the opportunity to not only "protect and serve" the community he grew up in, but to assist and encourage others to seek education and self-improvement. In 1991, Anthony became a mentor to Junior High School students in Englewood, teaching the importance of education, as well as building socialization skills and being a role model for others.

Mr. Cureton graduated from New Jersey City University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He has also studied

and received advance degrees from Fairleigh Dickinson University, University of Notre Dame, and the International City/Council Managers Association University. In 2004, Mr. Cureton graduated from the West Point Command and Leadership Program sponsored by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

As Bergen County NAACP President, Mr. Cureton has been active in addressing a police shooting in Garfield, a series of hate crimes against synagogues, and the layoffs of secretaries and teachers' aides in Englewood. He also helped revive a long-dormant NAACP chapter at Bergen Community College.

Mr. Cureton, currently a sergeant with the Englewood Police Department, received the 2012 Outstanding President Award on September 8 at the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP during the annual convention in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Mr. Cureton was chosen from a field of 42 branches, 12 college chapters and 25 youth councils for his excellent stewardship of this local branch and his effective advocacy in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join with me in honoring Mr. Anthony Cureton for his admirable service to the community of Bergen County, New Jersey and to his continued commitment to the NAACP.

HONORING THE FOUR UNITED
STATES PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO
DIED IN LIBYA

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 786. I join President Obama, Secretary of State Clinton and my colleagues in Congress in condemning these attacks in the strongest possible terms. The attacks on our embassies in Cairo, Egypt and Sana, Yemen and the violent assault on our consulate in Benghazi, Libya were shocking and unacceptable.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of the four U.S. embassy employees, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens, who lost their lives in the attack. Their courageous service represents the very best of America and their sacrifice will not be forgotten. Every day, America's diplomats serve their country by promoting our interests and values around the world. This difficult task becomes even more daunting and important in unstable countries where young democracies are struggling to take root in the presence of violent opponents and in the shadow of historical oppression.

As our nation grieves this loss we must also strengthen our resolve. The changes brought by the Arab Spring are still unfolding. It is crucial for the United States to engage in these countries and support their transition to stable democracies that respect religious rights, human rights, especially the rights of women.

In closing, the outpouring of condolences from the citizens of Libya, including those in Benghazi, is heartening. I was struck by the image of a young Libyan woman holding a sign written in English so it would be understood by Americans that said "Thugs and killers don't represent Benghazi or Islam." Ambassador Stevens believed these voices would