

Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kenneth L. Miller, 35, from California assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

Staff Sgt. Brian Pavlich, 25, from Port Jervis, NY assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Sgt. John L. Eichenlaub, Jr., 24, from South Williamsport, PA assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Sgt. Joshua M. Harapko, 23, from Peoria, Axiz., assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Spc. Lucas V. Tripp, 23, from Aurora, Colo., assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

Spc. Barry M. Stephens, 20, from Pinson, Alabama, assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

Pfc. Shawn A. Mayerscik, 22, from Oil City, PA, assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Tommy C. Young, 20, from Knoxville, Tenn. assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Stryder O. Stoutenburg, 18, from Missoula, Mont. assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Andrew D. Stevens, 20, from Rockingham, NH. assigned to Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Mr. Speaker, those injured in the crash were:

Spc. Dmitri Petrov and Spc. Edwin A. Mejia, both from Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment.

Mr. Speaker, we will continue to pray for these soldiers and their families during this difficult time.

Our nation, the United States Army, and the people of Northern New York stand united with the families of the fallen and injured soldiers. While I know there are no words or deeds that can ever ease the pain and heavy burden the loved ones of these soldiers are experiencing, I want to pay tribute to those who have given their lives to the fullest measure as well as those soldiers injured in the line of duty.

The North Country community has long viewed the soldiers stationed at Fort Drum as much more than just the defenders of our nation. They are our friends and neighbors. The outpouring of care and concern from area residents has been truly extraordinary. It is because we feel this loss, too. I want the injured soldiers and surviving families to know we share their grief and sorrow.

The crash at Fort Drum was not the first introduction Americans have had with the Black Hawk helicopter. Mark Bowden's best-selling book and movie titled "Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War" was an account of the American military campaign on the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia when warlords there were wreaking havoc on their own people in 1993. As I have mentioned before, the 10th Mountain Division is the Army's most frequently deployed force, so it's not surprising that elements of the 10th played a significant

role in that mission and were featured in the book's after-action report of the difficulties they faced. The title, "Black Hawk Down" comes from the ominous words that echoed from the radio transmissions almost as soon as the operation began.

Whether we are talking about the Black Hawk that went down in Somalia nearly a decade ago, or the crash near Wheeler-Sack Airfield at Fort Drum, we know that things do not always go as planned in war or in warfighting training exercises. And now, as our Armed Forces face another military offensive overseas, the tragic accident at Fort Drum serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices our service men and women make on a daily basis. Whether it be in training or in battle, we do not always have the privilege of seeing their acts of heroism carried on CNN or in a motion picture.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in paying tribute to these men. Let us also acknowledge the rest of the men and women in uniform and express our gratitude for their service to our nation. As they go forward with their assignments, both at home and abroad, they need our support and our prayers.

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#### HONORING WIDER HORIZON SCHOOL

#### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding school in the 5th Congressional District of Florida. Educating our Youth is one of the most important challenges that we as a nation face. The founders of Wider Horizons School have embraced this challenge with a vigor and dedication that has left a strong impression on the community which they serve.

On Friday, March 14th, Wider Horizons School will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. Founded in 1983, Wider Horizons was the brain child of two individuals who cut their teeth in the Peace Corps opening schools in the jungles of Peru. Their formula for success includes a focus on independent learning, international field trips, and instruction in Spanish beginning in preschool.

I am proud to call Mr. and Mrs. Domenick constituents. They and their staff serve as examples to us all of what it means to truly be public servants.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF DEVIN GOODLET

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Devin Goodlet, a very special

young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. He has been honored with the award of distinction as winner of the Cotillion for Achievement Scholarship Program.

The Cotillion for Achievement Award was established in 1986 and is presented annually. Two winners, one male, one female, are selected from public and private school seniors attending school in Andrew and Buchanan County, Missouri. Students are evaluated on four criteria: scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community involvement and an essay written by the student. This prestigious award has been extended to Devin.

Devin has established himself as a well-rounded student. He is involved in numerous activities, including varsity tennis, student government, UMKC leadership seminar, Forum Club, Spanish Club, JCCC Mathcount, Math Olympiad, National Forensics League, Heartland Health Systems, Food Can Drive, Habitat for Humanity, Harvest Food Bank, Multiple Sclerosis Walk for the Cure, United Way penny drive, Missouri State Senate youth forum, 2000 election campaign, doctors day, royal family kids camp, and the Diwali Celebration. Additionally, he has been honored for his achievements with such awards and distinctions as the National Honor Society Award, the National Merit Commendation Award, the Academic Excellence Award, Bright Flight Scholar, the Missouri Math League Award, the ASME Math Competition Award, Duke University Tip Scholar while qualifying for the State tennis competition.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Devin Goodlet for his many achievements and in wishing him the best of luck in his future.

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#### TRIBUTE TO MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

#### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 18, 2003*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the staff of the Middlesboro Social Security Office for their strong, effective, and compassionate service to the people of Kentucky.

Social Security plays an important role in the lives of more Americans than any other federal program. Whether providing a Social Security number for a newborn baby, mailing a check to a retired worker, or helping a disabled individual receive benefits, the Social Security Administration touches the lives of just about everyone.

The field office in Middlesboro, Kentucky, is a shining example for this massive agency. Under the leadership of Steve Schneider, the staff in Middlesboro consistently goes beyond