

Company, part of the United States Army's 3rd Infantry Division. His sacrifice will be remembered at funeral services on Saturday, May 3, 2003 by a community that has been struck hard by the devastating loss of one of its own.

A native of Merrillville, IN, Specialist Buckley graduated from Merrillville High School in 1996. He was a gifted athlete, with an orange belt in karate and possessed the strength to lift over 950 pounds. After graduating from high school, Specialist Buckley decided to join the Army Reserves with the hope that it would assist him financially with college, help him learn a trade, and allow him to find himself through the discipline and order that it provides.

It came as no surprise to those who knew Specialist Buckley that he would serve his country. A true patriot, his love for his country was evident from the time that he was a child. He collected items with patriotic themes, and his bedroom remains adorned with symbols of his patriotism. A poster of the Declaration of Independence hangs above his bed, and an "Army of One" poster hangs by the door. He once hung an American flag next to a bright light in his bedroom because he wanted to see the flag glow, and now a flag serves as the curtain for his window. Specialist Buckley felt tremendous pride for his country, and he was willing to endanger his own life to protect the lives of his fellow citizens. His courage and heroism will always be remembered, and his sacrifice will forever live in the hearts and minds of those for whom he battled.

Mr. Speaker, Specialist Buckley, along with 160 other local reservists with the 685th Transportation Company, left for Fort Campbell, KY on January 24, 2003 after being called into active duty. His unit was deployed to Kuwait in February, and was instrumental in the battle to liberate the Iraqi people. Specialist Buckley was riding in a large fuel truck when an accident occurred and he was thrown from the vehicle. He gave his life so that the freedoms and values that he treasured could be enjoyed by those around the world.

Although he loved his unit and his country, Specialist Buckley treasured his family above all else. He is survived by his mother, Janie Espinoza, his stepfather, Phillip Espinoza, his four siblings, his fiance, Jenina Bellina, and his 6-year-old daughter, Alicia Faith Buckley. Jenina is stationed in Iraq with the same reservist unit for which her fiance gave his life. These individuals were the heroes to a man that we will forever call a hero, and we should honor them in this tumultuous moment as well.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, U.S. Army Reserve Specialist Roy Russell Buckley. Specialist Buckley is the third resident of Northwest Indiana to sacrifice his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and his passing comes as a difficult setback to a community already shaken by the realities of war. Specialist Buckley will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country; thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
JOSEPH J. GOLUBSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Joseph J. Golubski—beloved family man, community leader, and friend and mentor to many.

Mr. Golubski graduated from South High School in 1946. He earned a Bachelor's degree from John Carroll University, and a law degree from John Marshall College. In 1950, he married Rita D. Krysinski. Together they raised seven children. In 1952 Mr. Golubski became a licensed funeral director, continuing the family business that his father established in 1913. With a keen intellect and high energy for learning, Mr. Golubski became a licensed attorney in 1953.

Despite his exceptional scholastic and business achievements, Mr. Golubski's foremost priorities were his family and native community—the Slavic Village neighborhood. His family, community, faith and heritage were central within his life. Mr. Golubski was very active in and supportive of the community along Fleet Avenue. He supported many projects at several area churches, including St. Stanislaus, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, St. Hyacinth Church, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, and the former Transfiguration Church. Additionally, Mr. Golubski was an active member of the St. Stan's Dad's Club, Knights of Columbus South East Council, Cleveland Society of Poles, Slavic Village Merchant's Guild, and the National Funeral Director's Association, among many others.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Joseph J. Golubski, beloved husband of Rita; beloved father of Linda, Joseph E., Robert, Nancy, Steven, Cheryl, and Pamela; and adoring grandfather of Stephanie, Denise, Rita, Anne, Matthew, Adam, Martha and Joseph. Mr. Golubski's joyous life was defined by his deep dedication to family and friends, and his exceptional service to his community. His strong spirit, integrity, energy and good works have served to uplift the lives of countless individuals, families—and the entire Cleveland community.

IN HONOR OF SISTER ROSE
THERING

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Rose Thering for her dedication to promoting religious understanding and providing educational opportunities for her community. Sister Thering was the keynote speaker at the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance on April 29, 2003 at the Bayonne City Council Chambers.

Professor Emerita at Seton Hall University, Sister Thering has been an active writer, speaker, and lecturer on Judeo-Christian and Holocaust studies for over 30 years. Sister Thering has organized and directed the annual

Seton Hall University Study Tour to Israel since 1972, and has traveled to Israel on over 50 occasions during her tenure at Seton Hall. As an active member of a number of academic, religious, and community organizations, she continues to be a strong advocate for building relations between Jews and Christians.

Sister Thering currently serves on the Newark Archdiocesan Commission for Interreligious Affairs and is executive director of the National Christian Leadership. She was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Kean University in 1994 and has been a member of the New Jersey Commission for Holocaust Education since 1980. She also served on the U.S. Bishops' Advisory Committee to the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations for 20 years. At Seton Hall University, she continues to improve the Endowment Fund established in her honor, which provides scholarship assistance to school teachers furthering their education in Holocaust studies.

Sister Thering is a life member of Hadasah, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. As a leader and educator on an issue as important as the Holocaust, I want to praise her for decades of tireless determination and dedicated work. She has touched so many lives by reminding us of the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust during human kind's darkest hour.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sister Rose Thering for her commitment to pursuing religious understanding and for her desire to educate and serve members of our community.

RECOGNIZING BONNIE JEAN LONG
FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. HELENA,
CALIFORNIA AT THE TIME OF
HER RETIREMENT AS CITY MAN-
AGER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of Bonnie Jean Long, the city manager of St. Helena, California. Her outstanding leadership and commitment to community service has significantly benefited the people of St. Helena and she will be sorely missed upon her retirement.

When looking to hire the first-ever city manager in St. Helena, our community would have had a truly difficult task trying to find someone more qualified than Bonnie. Prior to taking office, Bonnie served as the Cotati, California city manager. Adding to her preparation were the years she spent as the assistant city manager for the cities of Davis and Modesto, California.

Mrs. Long's expertise is matched only by her dedication to improving her community and her tremendous work ethic. As city manager, she has worked tirelessly to manage St. Helena's budgets, to maximize our resources and to handle the needs of our growing population. Somehow she has managed to make this difficult task look easy.

While serving our community as city manager, Bonnie has found additional ways to get

involved in bettering St. Helena through her volunteer work. Bonnie is a member of the St. Helena Rotary club, the Kiwanis club and she sits on the REMIF Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, as impressive as Mrs. Long's professional contributions and service to St. Helena are, she would be the first to tell you that her real success has been as a dedicated wife, a loving mother and an adoring grandmother. Whether traveling with her husband John, giving advice to her daughter Samantha or playing with her grandson Zachary, Bonnie has been a shining example of how to keep your priorities straight. For Bonnie, family is the true joy of life.

Mr. Speaker, because of the many contributions she has made to the town of St. Helena and for her excellence and dedication, it is proper for us to honor Bonnie Jean Long today as she retires from the office city manager.

HONORING HENRY COVELLO

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry Covello, a veteran of World War II and Korea.

Mr. Covello served our country in World War II as a young man. His honor and bravery earned him a Purple Heart for his service in the war. His lifelong dedication to the United States Army is reflected by the prestige of the Purple Heart, among the highest honors an American citizen can receive. Following his service in World War II, Mr. Covello went off to serve in Korea where he earned his second Purple Heart. I am proud to tell my colleagues that this weekend Mr. Covello will posthumously receive his third Purple Heart.

Mr. Covello served in the United States Army with the 82nd Airborne Division, 504th Parachute Regiment, the 5th Airborne Ranger Co., 25th Division, and D Company, 19 Regiment, 24th Division. He served for nearly 25 years in the Army before permanently retiring to Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Covello is an example for all Americans. Devoting himself to our armed forces, Mr. Covello's awards are the sign of a grateful nation. His service in the fight against tyranny and oppression should not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere thanks to Mr. Covello, and to all of our veterans, for bravely fighting to protect our security and liberty. I am confident that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in thanking Mr. Covello for his service.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1906, THE SERVICEMEMBERS' TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SERVICES ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2003

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Servicemembers' Transition As-

sistance Program and Services Enhancement Act of 2003. This legislation would improve our servicemembers' often challenging transition process from active-duty military service back into civilian life. In the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-95), Congress made a commitment to end chronic homelessness among veterans within this decade. This legislation is a strong step forward to honoring that commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that this bill is a proactive measure; it aims to educate our separating servicemembers about the risk factors associated with homelessness, as well as provide them with the tools they need to obtain quality long-term employment.

Unemployment and continual underemployment can lead to poverty, which is the common denominator and root cause of homelessness. This measure would ensure that all servicemembers have the opportunity to participate and take advantage of important Transition Assistance Program (TAP) services prior to leaving military service.

TAP is jointly administered by the Departments of Defense, Labor, and Veterans Affairs. These services generally include, employment counseling, career assistance, and veterans' benefits guidance for active-duty servicemembers returning to civilian life. Currently, only the Marine Corps requires mandatory TAP attendance for all of its separating or retiring servicemembers. The Marine Corps again leads the way!

Mr. Speaker, every veteran and servicemember I have spoken with concerning TAP has said that attending a transition workshop was a positive experience, and that the services truly helped them in their civilian job search. Additionally, as we all know, the military is comprised of a substantial number of married servicemembers. This measure acknowledges the special people that make-up our military community, and encourages full spousal participation in TAP services.

Further, this important legislation would also require that TAP workshops include homelessness risk awareness assessments. As servicemembers leave military life to become civilians, they must adjust to new responsibilities and in certain ways a new lifestyle. This transition can be particularly challenging to veterans who are at greater risk of becoming homeless.

According to recent studies, veterans: comprise 23 percent of the overall homeless population and 33 percent of the homeless male population; are twice as likely to become homeless as non-veterans; female veterans are approximately four times as likely to become homeless as their non-veteran counterparts; 40 percent of homeless veterans reported mental health problems; 49 percent reported alcohol abuse; 31 percent reported drug use; 52 percent reported chronic medical conditions.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Linda Boone and the entire staff of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. I very much appreciate their advocacy on behalf of homeless veterans.

I encourage all my colleagues to support this proactive legislation.

HONORING DR. ARTHUR O. HAZARABEDIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Arthur O. Hazarabedian posthumously for his vast contributions to his community and to the Armenian culture. His passing on March 31st of this year was a tragic loss to all who knew him.

Arthur graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Economics in 1953. He then received a Degree in Veterinary Medicine in 1959 from U.C. Davis. Dr. Hazarabedian's compassion for the animal community was shown in his ownership of Harmar Veterinary Services in the East Bay of San Francisco. Most of his career as a veterinarian was dedicated to aiding pets, and he offered his services to four veterinary hospitals over the span of 40 years. Dr. Hazarabedian's love for helping other creatures is evident in his being a founding member of many veterinary organizations, including the American Veterinary Medical Association and their Business Management Committee. He also served as a representative of the California Board of Equalization and was a Charter member of the California Academy of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Hazarabedian has made a significant impact on many lives in the Armenian community. One of Dr. Hazarabedian's greatest accomplishments was the founding of the Armenian Technology Group, Inc. He, and the other ATG co-founders, formed the organization to assist Armenia in its transition from a subject state of the Soviet Union to a free and independent nation. Under Dr. Hazarabedian's leadership, the goal of ATG has been the advancement of democracy in Armenia through the development of a modern agricultural base in a free-market economy. ATG has sought to introduce modern farming practices and technologies to Armenian farmers and government representatives through programs designed to promote independent action and knowledge sharing.

In 1990, he received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from the Faculty at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, which is the highest award for contributions, public service and excellence in the veterinary profession. Three weeks before he passed away, on March 8, Dr. Hazarabedian received the Man-of-the-Year award from the Armenian National Committee of America—Bay Area Chapter, at a ceremony held in San Francisco, CA for his outstanding service to Armenia and Armenian-American causes.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Arthur O. Hazarabedian for his exceptional services to the protection of the humanitarian cause. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Arthur for an exceptional career and for his everlasting contributions.