

wife, Robley Levy; three children Rebecca, Barnaby, and Elizabeth; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Levy was born in 1934 in Cairo, Egypt, where his father was working as a correspondent for the New York Times. At the age of 7, Sadie Miller, a family friend took him under her wing and fled Egypt to escape impending Nazi troops. They went to great lengths to avoid the Nazis and eventually traveled up the coast of South America and the United States until they reached New York. Fred's parents arrived shortly thereafter, and the family remained in the city until Fred graduated from Amherst College in 1955. Mr. Levy went on to serve in the United States Army, retiring only to pursue a master's degree in poetry at Stanford University.

Mr. Levy was appointed to the Cabrillo College faculty in 1963 as an instructor in both English and speech. Immediately deemed an integral part of the staff, Fred became a much loved teacher that students would seek out for advice and support. Fred was a proactive educator and successfully introduced new academic programs to Cabrillo with the intentions of increasing the variety of subject matter presented in the classroom. Colleagues marveled at his ability to turn shy first-year students into confident university bound scholars through these programs along with his engaging lectures. Not only was Fred passionate about teaching, he also enjoyed acting and directing in Cabrillo College's theater production company. Those who knew Fred best noted that he was also a Shakespeare zealot and frequently organized trips to Oregon for the Shakespeare Festival. Fred retired after a long and successful career in 1995.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my condolences to Robley and the Levy family during these difficult times. His legacy as a devoted teacher and scholar will blossom as his students apply the lessons taught in his classroom to succeed in life. Those who had the pleasure of sharing Fred's company have and will continue to benefit from his sincere appreciation of life and education.

UPON INTRODUCTION OF THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE ELIGIBILITY FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the Essential Air Service Eligibility Fairness Act of 2003, a bill to provide much needed financial relief to the Lancaster Airport and other airports throughout the United States that are adversely impacted by the existing law.

Under current law, if an airport is located fewer than 70 highway miles from the nearest large or medium hub airport, the airport is ineligible to receive a subsidy from the Essential Air Service Program.

However, current law allows the Department of Transportation to determine whether or not a given airport meets the criteria for receiving the EAS subsidy.

State and local officials are better able to determine the most commonly traveled routes in their communities.

In my own Congressional District, the Lancaster Airport has been affected by this debate.

On March 21, 2003, the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the Department of Transportation's decision to deny Lancaster Airport an EAS subsidy because Lancaster Airport was deemed to be located within 70 highway miles of Philadelphia Airport.

The Lancaster Airport and my constituents were dismayed at this decision.

The route that the Department of Transportation used is not the most commonly used highway route and would take over three hours to drive. The most commonly traveled route is located 80 highway miles from Philadelphia Airport, but takes only one and a half hours to drive.

I am introducing this legislation today, to empower a Governor or a local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to determine eligibility for local EAS subsidies.

Having worked with local MPOs in my district, I am confident that these determinations should be made at the state and local level.

A Lancaster County rank seventh in the state for air service demand and generates over 876,000 annual originating air trips. Additionally, these air travelers pay more than \$20 million per year in aviation taxes.

Lancaster County with over 11,000 businesses and a population of over 472,000 needs and deserves commercial air service.

This legislation will ensure that communities like Lancaster County continue to receive quality local air service. I urge Congress to support this legislation.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT SCOTT SATHER, SERGEANT MICHAEL F. PEDERSON, SPECIALIST RICHARD A. GOWARD, AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JASON M. MEYER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise before you today to pay tribute to the honorable service to this country and its citizens given by Staff Sergeant Scott Sather, Sergeant Michael F. Pederson, Specialist Richard A. Goward and Private First Class Jason M. Meyer. On May 5, members of the community will gather at a benefit concert given by the Carriage Town Ministries in Flint, Michigan, to honor Staff Sergeant Scott Sather, Sergeant Michael F. Pederson, Specialist Richard A. Goward and Private First Class Jason M. Meyer for their service to this nation.

Staff Sergeant Sather graduated from Clio High School in 1991 where he excelled in baseball and football. Staff Sergeant Sather joined the United States Air Force in 1992 serving in Washington and England. During his service, Staff Sergeant Sather earned several honors, including a Bronze Star. Staff Sergeant Sather and his wife, Melanie, were married in July of 2002. Staff Sergeant Sather made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation on April 8, 2003 while serving in Iraq.

Sergeant Michael F. Pederson graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1996. Following graduation from high school, Sergeant Pederson joined the United States Army where he was assigned to Hunter Army Air-

field in Georgia. Sergeant Pederson made many achievements while in the Army as well as at home, where he helped support a large family, including his 7-year-old daughter. Sergeant Pederson made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation on April 2, 2003 while serving in Iraq.

Specialist Richard A. Goward graduated from Merrill High School in 1989. Following his graduation from high school, Specialist Goward joined the United States Army where he served from 1990 to 1996. Sergeant Goward married his wife, Karen, and they had two children. Sergeant Goward attended the Corrections Officers Training Academy and was employed at the St. Louis Corrections Facility until the events of September 11, 2001 once again called Sergeant Goward to duty and prompted him to enlist in the Michigan National Guard. Sergeant Goward made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation on April 14, 2003 while serving in Iraq.

Private First Class Jason M. Meyer graduated from Howell High School in 1999. Following his graduation from high school, Private First Class Meyer joined the United States Army where he was assigned to Fort Stewart in Georgia. Private First Class Meyer married his wife, Melissa in March of 2002 and lived in Hinesville Georgia at the time of his deployment. Private First Class Meyer made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation on April 8, 2003 while serving in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sergeant Sather, Sergeant Pederson, Specialist Goward and Private First Class Meyer are sons, they are fathers, husbands and friends. They are true Americans, deserving of our respect and gratitude not only for their devotion to the United States and its ideals, but for their devotion to their families, their friends and their communities. These men are a symbol of excellence to everyone in this nation, and are a shining example of the best our society has to offer. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to these men, their families and their achievements. May their sacrifices be remembered always.

HONORING CHATTANOOGA BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the Chattanooga Bar Association in my hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee and join them in celebrating their upcoming Law Day luncheon on May 7, 2003.

In 1957, American Bar Association President Charles S. Rhyne, a Washington, D.C. attorney, envisioned a special day for celebrating our legal system and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed a "Law Day" to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. In 1961, May 1st was designated by a joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day.

On this Law Day 2003, we have the opportunity to re-examine how we, as a nation, want our judiciary to function. At a time when partisanship and special interests try to shape a judiciary, we have the responsibility to reaffirm