

## HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, in recent months I have risen on several occasions to pay tribute to the men and women who are fighting in Iraq and elsewhere in the global war on international terror. Today I rise once again to pay tribute and to honor a young man who was recently killed in action in Iraq—Dustin K. McGaugh. Dusty was killed Tuesday near Balad, Iraq. He was 20 years old.

Dusty grew up in Springdale, AR, and graduated from high school in Tulsa, OK. After graduation, he joined the Army ROTC. His father, James McGaugh, told one newspaper in Arkansas that Dusty joined the Army because he was looking for direction in life and because he “wanted to serve and be part of something important.” Dusty enlisted shortly before September 11, 2001—in fact, when the terrorist attacks occurred on that horrible day, he was undergoing basic training in boot camp. One newspaper account quotes a close friend who told of Dusty being so dedicated to his Army service that he finished his last three weeks of basic training after breaking his shin bone in a fall. Dusty decided not to report his injury, so that he might graduate from basic training on time with his colleagues. He graduated with special honors. In April of this year, Dusty’s unit—the U.S. Army 17th Field Artillery Brigade—was deployed to the Middle East. He accepted his mission with pride and served with honor.

Dusty is survived by his father James of Springdale; his brother, James McGaugh, of Claremore, OK; his mother, Marina Hayes, of Tulsa; his stepmother, Katrina McGaugh, of Springdale; and a twin sister, Windy McGaugh, of Derby, KS. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Dusty’s family and friends.

When he learned that he would be going to Iraq, Dusty reportedly told one friend, “I believe in this. I want to serve our country.” His resolve and his commitment to his country will not be forgotten. The mission continues in Iraq, and we remain confident that Dusty McGaugh’s courage and sacrifice will have been given in a worthy cause.●

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor SSG Daryl Devries of Armour, SD. Staff Sergeant Devries was recently awarded the Purple Heart for injuries suffered while serving in Iraq.

Daryl was injured when a rocket-propelled grenade struck the Humvee he was riding in while on security patrol in northern Iraq. Daryl, who is a member of the 200th Engineer Company, was sent to Iraq in April to help assemble and secure a bridge across the Tigris River.

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Heart, which is awarded to a member of the Armed Forces who is wounded or killed in an armed conflict, is unique in that an individual is not recommended for the decoration; rather they are entitled to it. Daryl joins a heroic and honorable group of soldiers who have sacrificed their own wellbeing in service to our country.

Let me also express my admiration for the South Dakota National Guard. With 750 members of the National Guard serving in Iraq, South Dakota has one of the highest rates of mobilization in the Nation. This high rate of service is a reflection of the hard work and pride South Dakota National Guard members maintain. These brave and accomplished servicemen and women regularly win national awards and rank at or near the top in National Guard performance tests and competitions. They represent South Dakota principles with remarkable distinction.

I know Staff Sergeant Devries is a valued member of the South Dakota National Guard. As the father of a soldier who has recently returned from active duty service in Iraq, I am especially appreciative of his skilled and courageous actions. This prestigious award is a reflection of his military professionalism and extraordinary bravery.

Mr. President, I join with all South Dakotans in expressing my gratitude to Staff Sergeant Devries. We are all proud and thankful for all that he has done and continues to do in the service of the United States of America.●

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor SP Tyler Campbell of Lemmon, SD. Specialist Campbell was recently awarded the Purple Heart for injuries suffered while on patrol in northern Iraq in July.

Tyler, who is a member of the 854th Quartermaster Company, was sent to Iraq in April to help assemble and secure a 300-meter bridge across the Tigris River.

The Purple Heart, which was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, NY on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, is awarded to a member of the Armed Forces who is wounded or killed in an armed conflict. Tyler richly deserves this prestigious award, and joins a honorable group of soldiers who have admirably sacrificed their own safety while serving our country.

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Mr. President, I join with all South Dakotans in expressing my gratitude to Specialist Campbell. We are all proud and thankful for all that he has done and continues to do in the service of the United States of America.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered one of its clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

S. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

## ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on October 2, 2003, by the president pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS):

H. R. 2826. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the “Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building”.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4643. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s report on The Impact of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4644. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s report on the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA)—Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication