

Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 257, Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 326 and 327.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, on July 6 and July 7, I was away from Washington on official Congressional business. During that time, I was unable to vote on several issues of importance to the people of my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 328, "aye" on rollcall No. 329, "no" on rollcall No. 331, and "aye" on rollcall No. 332.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 305, "no" on rollcall No. 306, "no" on rollcall No. 307, "no" on rollcall No. 308, "no" on rollcall No. 309, "no" on rollcall No. 311, "no" on rollcall No. 312, "yes" on rollcall No. 314, "no" on rollcall No. 315, "no" on rollcall No. 316, "no" on rollcall No. 317, "no" on rollcall No. 318, "yes" on rollcall No. 319; "no" on rollcall No. 320, "yes" on rollcall 322, "yes" on rollcall No. 323, "no" on rollcall No. 324, and "yes" on rollcall No. 325.

ADAM G. KINSER POST OFFICE
BUILDING

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, a national hero, a loving son and brother, a dedicated student, athlete, and a proud father to-be. These are just a few of the phrases that can be used to describe Adam Kinser of Rio Vista, CA. Although no list of descriptions can ever fully do justice to understanding the bravery and compassion of a young man who gave his life for his country at the age of 21.

Adam Gareth Kinser was born in 1983 in Valencia, CA and grew up in Rio Vista with his parents and four younger siblings from the time he was five. There was nothing typical about Adam, who from a young age was a standout, not only among his peers and teammates, but to his teachers and family as well. Adam was a hard-working student, even serving as a teaching assistant in some classes.

Bill Fulk, a former teacher of Adam's, praised the young man as the "best the

United States had to offer." He was a role model to other students, demonstrating a positive attitude, kind heart and willingness to help. He was an outstanding varsity athlete, running track, playing basketball, and was the starting quarterback for 3 years. His strong leadership and commitment didn't end at school or on the field though, he was also a mentor and protector to his younger siblings, one of whom recalls that Adam "was always protecting me even when I didn't want it."

Perhaps it was not a surprise that Adam also wanted to serve and protect his country, when he joined the Army Reserve during his senior year of high school. Adam was in boot camp at Fort Bragg, NC, when the terrorists attacked the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and was sent to Afghanistan in July 2003.

Adam returned home during Christmas, where his wife, Tiffany, surprised him with an ultrasound of their soon-to-be-born son. He was ecstatic and could not wait to be a father, counting down the days until he would be reunited with his wife and new baby. This did not stop Adam from taking pride in the job he was doing for his country and in the bonds that he treasured with his fellow soldiers.

Adam returned to Afghanistan after Christmas, serving in the Army Reserve's 304th Psychological Operations Company. However, on January 29, 2004, Adam and eight other soldiers were working near a weapons cache near Ghanzi, 60 miles southwest of Kabul, when an explosion took place that claimed his life and those of his fellow soldiers.

Adam's death has sent Rio Vista into a period of mourning and loss for the young man that many of them knew and loved so well, and had watched mature into a brave leader. The community of Rio Vista remembers him fondly, and will surely miss him, not least of all his family and newborn son.

Adam was the first Rio Vistan to give his life in wartime since the Korean War. As Rio Vista Mayor Marcie Coglianese said, "he is the embodiment of all our values." In order to ensure that the memory and name of this young man, father, and soldier, lives on, the least we can do is to re-name the post office in his home town, as an honor for the town, family and country that produced such a great man.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. MARINE
RODERICKA ANTWAN
YOUMANS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week South Carolina learned the sad news that a U.S. Marine, Private Rodericka Antwan Youmans from Allendale, S.C., was killed by terrorists while serving in Iraq.

Pvt. Youmans will be remembered for making the ultimate sacrifice to protect American families in the War on Terror. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Wilson family are with his friends and family.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest sympathies to Pvt. Youman's two children, fiancé, brother and parents.

I request that the following article from The State be added to the RECORD.

[From The State, July 8, 2004]

ALLENDALE MARINE DIES IN IRAQ

(By Chuck Crumbo)

A bomb attack by Iraqi insurgents has killed a 22-year-old Marine from Allendale, the man's family said Wednesday.

Pvt. Rodericka Antwan Youmans was one of four Marines who died Tuesday near Fallujah in Iraq's Al-Anbar province, said his father, Johnny Youmans.

The elder Youmans said Marine Corps officials notified him of his son's death Tuesday.

"I was coming home, and I saw a government truck in front of the house. I knew it was nothing good," said Youmans, a 29-year military veteran.

The Marines had not released by late Wednesday the name of Pvt. Youmans as one of the fallen Leathernecks. The Marines said only that the troops were conducting security operations in the province.

Three Marines died Monday in a similar incident in An-Anbar.

Twenty-one other members of the armed services with ties to South Carolina have died in the Iraq war. He is the second casualty from Allendale County.

Marine casualty officers notified the family of his son's death about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Youmans said.

The Marines first broke the news to Youmans' wife, Amanderlene. As he approached the house, his 17-year-old daughter, Sholanda, came out and told him Rodericka was dead, Johnny Youmans said.

Johnny Youmans, a staff sergeant in 163rd Support Battalion of the S.C. Army National Guard, has been on active duty for 1½ years. He is serving on a security detail at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

Youmans said his son called home last week to say he was doing fine and that "he loved all of us."

On Monday, Rodericka Youmans called his 20-year-old fiancée, Stephanie Cuthbertson of Allendale.

They were planning to marry in September when his unit was scheduled to return to Camp LeJeune, Cuthbertson said.

"I loved everything about him. His sense of humor and the way he treated me. He was very sweet and very giving," she said.

Rodericka Youmans, a graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High School, joined the Marines about a year ago and went through boot camp at Parris Island, Youmans said.

"He was almost 21 when he joined. He couldn't find a job and when he did, he'd get laid off because the economy was so bad. He had two kids (ages 4 and 1) and needed to support them."

Rodericka quickly fell in love with the Marines and wanted to make a career out of the military, Youmans said.

"He liked the respect that he received. It changed his whole life. He wanted to do the right thing."

Other survivors include his children, A-Miyah, 4, and Mekhi, 1; and a brother, Johnny Youmans Jr., 24.

Cave Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

CONGRATULATING THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pennsylvania State University

on its 150th year serving the citizens of Pennsylvania and beyond. As the Commonwealth's only land grant institution, Penn State has played a vital role over the years in promoting agricultural and scientific research, workforce development, education, as well as many other initiatives; fulfilling the mission that Congress laid out in The Morrill Act of 1862.

Since its founding in 1854, Penn State has proven to be a leading institution of higher learning. The most recent U.S. News and World Report survey of graduate schools ranks a number of programs at Penn State among the nation's top ten, encompassing a wide array of subjects ranging from nuclear engineering to vocational/technical education.

Penn State has also continued to be a leader in Pennsylvania's largest industry: Agriculture. The University has a long history of innovations in this field, beginning in 1861 when it was the first American institution to confer baccalaureate degrees in agriculture. Today, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences continues to lead the way in agricultural research and promotion through such programs as the Penn State Cooperative Extension, a number of international exchange programs, and the Penn State Agricultural Council. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I have seen first hand the exceptional work that College of Agricultural Sciences does and the services it provides to Pennsylvania's farmers.

Penn State University is also nationally recognized for the exceptional research and patient care provided at the College of Medicine, located in my Congressional District in Hershey, PA. This includes the recent partnership with the National Naval Medical Center to conduct cancer research. This joint venture will lead to important new advances in discovery, early detection, evaluation, treatment and prevention of cancer that will benefit both the military and civilian population. The Penn State College of Medicine has demonstrated great benefits to the local community as well as the state in general. According to a recent study, the College of Medicine has generated nearly \$35 million in state tax revenue and created more than 13,500 jobs both directly and indirectly. In a state that has recently experienced a lack of new and competitive jobs, the value of this cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, over its 150-year history, the Pennsylvania State University has proven to be an invaluable asset not only to Pennsylvania, but also to the entire nation as well. I'm extremely proud to have three Penn State Campuses located within my Congressional district. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Pennsylvania State University as we celebrate its 150th Anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANCISCO
CARMONA

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Francisco Carmona and thank him for his work as Customer Service manager with the Seattle Washington Passport Agency. His years of commitment and dedica-

tion as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Francisco attended the University of Washington. In 1986, he joined the State Department in Washington DC, where he assisted in researching routine and intricate passport cases. Francisco became an expert at complex citizenship law as a result of his research. In 1996, he transferred to the Seattle Washington Passport Agency and became the Customer Service manager. Francisco has been instrumental in assisting constituents with obtaining passports in life or death emergencies, complex citizenship cases, and expedited passports for last minute travelers. Francisco has been known to stay late, come in on the weekends and go the extra mile to help the constituents he is serving. He is highly regarded by his peers and superiors.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Francisco Carmona has been an invaluable resource to the Seattle Washington Passport Agency. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Francisco. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Seattle Passport Agency and the State Department and the constituents they serve, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

HONORING DR. BLAINE SAYRE

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Blaine Sayre for being awarded the "Local Hero in Community Pediatrics Award" from the American Academy of Pediatrics. This award recognizes Dr. Sayre for being a leader through action and advocacy for children in the St. Louis community.

Dr. Sayre is highly committed to improving the health of children. As Medical Director of Health Care for Kids, Dr. Sayre maintains evening and weekend hours to provide accessible, high quality health care services to medically underserved and uninsured inner city children. He also serves as the Medical Director for Healthy Kids Express, which places two large medical vans near inner city schools and community locations to care for kids.

Mr. Speaker, his steadfast commitment and his passionate devotion have earned him the privilege of being honored today before Congress. His sincere dedication to the health of children in the St. Louis community makes him worthy of our recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Blaine Sayre.

HONORING THE MARYLAND SHOCK
TRAUMA CENTER

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, it is truly my honor to stand and recognize the men and women of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services System and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. After a near-fatal car crash in 1975, I was airlifted to the Shock Trauma Center where a team of dedicated physicians and nurses saved my life. It was a turning point for me and I am grateful.

The Maryland EMS system was the first of its kind in the Nation and the Shock Trauma Center stands as the "core element" of that system. In the late 1950's, long before we watched heroic doctors save lives on television's ER, Dr. Cowley of Maryland envisioned a medical facility dedicated to the mission of saving lives during that first critical "golden hour." What began as a 2-bed unit has grown to become a 102-bed dedicated trauma hospital that treats approximately 7,000 severely injured patients each year.

Dr. Cowley's vision has since become the national model for a fully integrated statewide EMS and trauma system. The Maryland Shock Trauma Center's survival rate is 98 percent. This survival rate is the product of Maryland Shock Trauma's faculty and staff, as well as, its pioneering techniques. Its state-of-the-art facilities and equipment attracts some of the best medical talent in the Nation. Through fellowships and other programs, the center will only continue to set the standard. However, Shock Trauma's success also rests on the efforts of the pre-hospital providers, both career and volunteer, the Maryland State Police Medevac system, the regional trauma centers throughout Maryland and the foresight and leadership of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

Proud, though I am of these accomplishments, don't just take my word on this. Recently the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) conducted an assessment of Maryland's EMS and Trauma system. The Maryland EMS system was compared to predetermined "gold standards" and is recognized as positioned "to offer national leadership in promoting the continued development and improvement of other state systems". The report goes on to say that the system's achievements "have much to offer in terms of promoting improved emergency care throughout the United States". This is a well-deserved and hard-won honor to so many dedicated and devoted emergency care professionals in the State of Maryland. Dr. Cowley's vision has become a reality that has exceeded everyone's expectations thanks to the unceasing efforts of pre-hospital providers, doctors and nurses and administrators, along with the unfailing support of Maryland's elected officials and its citizens.

I am grateful for the Maryland EMS and Trauma system, and particularly the Maryland Shock Trauma Center—for my family and the families of so many thousands of other survivors. I am honored to stand here today and recognize this amazing trauma system.