

Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw's devotion to duty has reflected the highest standards of the military profession through a number of command and staff positions. He has commanded a civil engineer squadron, and served in a range of civil engineering positions at base level, major command and the Air Staff. At the start of his career, he began as Project Officer and Test Director on the Air Force Weapons Laboratory in New Mexico. Later on in his career, he went on to become Deputy Director of Environment Programs at Headquarters Tactical Air Command, at Langley AFB, VA. He also served as Base Civil Engineer (Commander) at the Sembach Air Base in Germany. He returned to Langley to become Deputy Chief of Programs Division for the Civil Engineer Directorate, Headquarters Air Combat Command. In 1997, Colonel Bradshaw became Command Engineer of the Eleventh Air Force at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska. In 1999, he earned the position of Chief of Air Force Programs, Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations, The Pentagon. Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at Headquarters, United States Army Forces Command. He then went on to additionally take on the responsibility of Chief of Military Construction Programs, Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment), The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Colonel Bradshaw also holds a Bachelor of Sciences degree from Virginia Tech in Civil Engineering, and a Masters degree of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. Additionally, he has a Masters degree in Business Administration from New Mexico Highlands University.

Colonel Bradshaw's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Colonel Bradshaw has shown tremendous commitment and devotion to his country. Today we recognize him for his unwavering patriotism and dedication to both his profession and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw III, USAF.

THE PURPLE HEART

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the Purple Heart is a decoration symbolizing true sacrifice in defense of the United States. Since the days of Gen. George Washington, the Purple Heart has decorated the uniforms of hundreds of thousands of American heroes, including those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for America's freedom.

Last week in New York, at the national convention of our president's political party, the Purple Heart was mocked and disgraced in a tasteless display. Some delegates to this convention transformed the symbol of the Purple Heart into band-aids to minimize and diminish the wounds received in battle during the Vietnam War by their political opponent.

With American men and women fighting and taking casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan today, the Purple Heart is not a band-aid or a joke, but a true symbol of sacrifice. My sup-

port for America's military's men and women and the veterans who have served this nation, given their blood and their lives for our freedom, is absolute. These heroes and the Purple Hearts which honor their sacrifice deserve our respect, never abuse or cynical displays of ridicule.

HONORING BLAINE WILSON

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Blaine Wilson, member of the silver medal winning U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team. During the Athens Olympics, Blaine, the most experienced member of the team, provided a strong leadership role to the team and helped the United States to its first men's gymnastics medal in 20 years. Blaine received the highest score on the still rings, his favorite event, to push the team from bronze to silver after falling to third for a short time.

Blaine has been a U.S. all-around champion five times and Athens was the third Olympics in which he participated. Despite his familiarity with the Olympic games and competing under pressure, Blaine had an added setback to overcome. In February of 2004 during the American Cup competition, Blaine tore his biceps muscle while competing on the still rings. His determination and skill are highlighted in the struggle he met to compete and medal in Athens.

Blaine was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Columbus Gymnastics Academy, DeSales High School, and the Ohio State University, where he plans to complete his degree in Psychology after retiring from gymnastics.

Again, I congratulate Blaine for all of his dedication and hard work and the achievements he has met both personally and with his team while representing our country on the world stage in Athens.

A TRIBUTE TO NANCY KRAUS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Nancy Kraus who is retiring after 22 years of dedicated service to the San Mateo Union High School District.

The students, teachers, parents, administrators, and members of the community who had the honor of working with her, first at Capuchino High School, then at the San Mateo Union High School District Office, offer their highest praise and appreciation for her years of service. She exemplifies the highest ideals of loyalty, professionalism, and devotion to duty.

During 8 years at Capuchino High School, as Administrative Assistant to two Principals, Mrs. Kraus was able to involve parents in their children's education like no one had before. She designed and wrote a newspaper for par-

ents, and created a weekly column that praised the accomplishments of students and informed the community of initiatives at the school. She developed activities for the annual Capuchino Open House that celebrated both the high school and the community and resulted in the largest parent participation ever at that event. In addition, she was the recipient of the Martin Luther King Award for Outstanding Leadership, presented by the Capuchino Black Student Union, as well as the Woman of the Year Award from the student government of the school.

At the District Office, Mrs. Kraus served as Executive Assistant to two Superintendents where her immense skills and deep commitment to education earned her the highest esteem and trust by all whose lives she touched. Mr. Speaker, Nancy Kraus was the consummate problem solver tackling issues both large and small with persistence. In recent years, she gave primary and critical leadership during four major bond campaigns that provided \$137.8 million in necessary resources so that the San Mateo Union High School District could renovate and reconstruct its six comprehensive high schools to meet the demands of a 21st century education.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy's involvement went far beyond the duties of the offices in which she worked. She was a founding member of the San Bruno Community Theater and conducted all of its public relations for several years. She encouraged students to participate in the annual Millbrae Lions Club essay contest. She was a co-advisor to student government. She shared her love of opera by offering students voluntary education in opera appreciation which she taught during the lunch hour and then took full busloads on special field trips to performances of the San Francisco Opera.

Mr. Speaker, at the start of the coming school year, Nancy Kraus will be immensely missed. However, her brilliant leadership, the thoughtful, caring and constructive guidance she provided, the complex and difficult problems she helped to solve, and the skills she brought to her work all helped to make the San Mateo Union High School District the excellent educational institution that I am proud to represent. I know she deserves every extra moment that she will get to spend with her husband, daughter and two grandchildren. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Nancy Kraus, whose contributions to students, staff, and community will not be forgotten.

JUNK FAX PREVENTION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4600, the Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004. This Bill codifies the reinstatement of an established business relationship exception permitting businesses, associations and charities to send commercial faxes without receiving written permission from the recipient. Additionally, H.R. 4600 crafts reporting requirements granting Congress the authority to regulate the FCC's enforcement activities, and includes an "opt-out provision"

that gives the recipient the opportunity to avoid further taxes.

In 1991, Congress passed the Telecommunications Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), which protected consumers from unsolicited commercial faxes and permitted legitimate businesses and organizations to fax fundraising requests, advertisements, dues renewal notices, and other pertinent information to individuals with an established business relationship. For the past ten years the Commission has continued to follow its 1991 interpretation deeming such publications invited or permitted devoid of any discernable measure of complaints from the general public.

In 2003, the FCC revisited the issue of unsolicited commercial faxes and determined that an "express invitation or permission" must be in writing and include the recipient's signature. Compliance with the FCC's 2003 decision requires every business, association, and charity to obtain written permission from anyone receiving commercial faxes.

Starting on January 1, 2005 the FCC's ruling goes into effect. A majority of the businesses and organizations would be forced to shoulder considerable financial and logistical burdens. Consequently, the Commission's 2003 decision would require everyday customers, requesting specific information such as vacation packages from travel agents or menus from local restaurants, to submit a written, signed statement consenting to the receipt of such publications. Obviously, many small businesses, charities, and associations are concerned with the FCC's recent interpretation and its impact on their lives.

In practice the FCC's 2003 decision would be devastating to a myriad of small businesses that rely heavily on fax publications and advertisements. It has been estimated that two-thirds of small business owners will be required to obtain consent forms from greater than 100 separate fax numbers in the first year alone. Research indicates that if enacted, the "FCC's new rules would cost small business owners at least \$5,000 in the first year and \$3,000 per year in compliance. In addition, the FCC's decision would require greater than 27 staff hours in order to obtain customers' initial consent and 20 hours each year thereafter.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4600 seeks to reverse the FCC's overly burdensome, expensive and unnecessary interpretation. The current measure is necessary to strike a proper balance between an individual's right to protection and privacy from unsolicited and invasive faxes with a business's need for communication and right to free enterprise. I encourage all my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO MR. STEVEN R.
HEAPE

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Steven R. Heape, a proud member of the Cherokee Nation. He was born in Long Beach, California on March 25, 1951. His family eventually moved to Fullerton, where Steven graduated from Fullerton Union High School. Steven also attended Fullerton Junior

College as a Business Administration Major, while working as a Major Account Representative for Armor Food Company.

His interest in motion picture production eventually led him to produce the film titled, "Location to Recovery," one of the first education docudramas to be released from 16mm film to VHS videotape.

In 1994, Mr. Heape and business partner Chip Ritchie formed Rich-Heape Films, Inc., certified by the Cherokee Nation to focus on the history and preservation of the American Indian culture. Today, Rich-Heape Films is an internationally recognized firm with several award-winning films to its credit. The American Indian Chamber of Commerce awarded it the 2003 American Indian Business of the Year.

In August, Mr. Heape was one of five Native American filmmakers invited to participate in the strategic film and video content planning for the new Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. In March 2004, Mr. Heape began the most challenging project of his career, producing a two-hour PBS documentary on the Indian Removal Act of 1830, better known as the Cherokee Trail of Tears scheduled for release in 2005.

On September 12, Mr. Heape is being recognized by the Little Eagle Free Foundation for his contribution and philanthropy in preserving the languages, history and cultures of Native Americans.

It is only fitting that Mr. Heape is to be commended for his extraordinary efforts to document and preserve Native American culture and the part played in American History.

CONGRATULATING MAGNOLIA
PARK UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Magnolia Park United Methodist Church for 75 years of ministry in the City of Burbank.

Magnolia Park United Methodist Church is located in the middle of Burbank's film and television studios as well as its famed Media District. Since 1929, it has been serving the community on the corner of Magnolia and Catalina. It is a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive congregation. The church actively sponsors youth groups such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Cub Scouts. It strongly supports the Burbank Temporary Aid Center with financial services and food items. The church is also a proud member of the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, and gives several essential community agencies like Kedren Headstart, and Kids of Rock Theater a home.

Magnolia Park United Methodist Church encourages meaningful service in the local community as well as the international community through world missions. The church is not only locally supportive of the Walter Hoving Home, it also partners in missionary work in Nigeria. The church reinforces the importance of unity, charity, dedication, and family.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in celebrating Magnolia Park United Methodist Church's 75 years of exemplary service and ministry, and for its immense com-

mitment to its parishioners in and beyond the City of Burbank.

RECOGNITION OF CPL.
CHRISTOPHER BELCHIK

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Cpl. Christopher Belchik, who was recently killed in the Iraq Province of Anbar.

Cpl. Belchik was a 30 year old native of the Godfrey-Alton area in southern Illinois. He was killed on August 22nd in what is believed to be an ambush that resulted in a mortar detonation killing him and two other soldiers.

Cpl. Belchik was a 1992 graduate of Alton High School, in Alton Illinois. Not enough can be said about the great sacrifice this man made for his country, he made the ultimate sacrifice. He is survived by his wife, Mary Belchik; his mother, Lynn Lenker of Godfrey; his father, Stephen Belchik of Staunton; his brother Brian Belchik of Alton and his sister, Julie Prats of Chicopee, Massachusetts. My thoughts and prayers go out to his families and loved ones.

Cpl. Belchik gave his life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten. Cpl. Belchik, along with so many other brave men and women, put their lives on the line day in and day out. My sincere thanks goes out to them all. God bless them, and may God continue to bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed roll call votes 422 and 423 on September 7, 2004 and rollcall vote 424 on September 8, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three votes—rollcall vote 422, H.R. 4381, the Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building Designation Act; roll call vote 423, H.R. 4556, the General William Carey Lee Post Office Building Designation Act; and roll call 424, on ordering the previous question for H. Res. 754, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5006) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Additionally, I would like to voice my support for H.R. 5005, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, for additional disaster assistance. The House of Representatives passed this important legislation last night. Without this action, FEMA would have run out of money and not been able to help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, all of our thoughts and prayers go out to the families in Florida and elsewhere along the East Coast as they recover from