

High School near Seaman, Ohio, Sgt. Hawkins was popular with his peers, and voted "Most Likely to Succeed" in his graduating class. An academic standout, he was active in citizenship and Ohio history competitions. He also served on the debate team and played basketball.

After graduation in 1991, Sgt. Hawkins enlisted in the Army. He was a noncommissioned officer in the Army assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion stationed in Camp Howze in Korea.

Sgt. Hawkins was the son of Lisa Christman of Hillsboro, Ohio. His late father, William Hawkins, was an engineer in the Marines who passed away in 1977. Sgt. Hawkins is also survived by a sister, Cherry Hawkins, of Cincinnati. His younger brother, Sgt. James Hawkins, is in the Missouri National Guard and stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri.

There was a celebration of Sgt. Hawkins' life in Adams County, and he was buried next to his father at Locust Grove Cemetery in Peebles, Ohio. All of us in Southern Ohio are grateful for Sgt. Hawkins' service to our country, and express our deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE RICHARD D.
KUHN

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Richard D. Kuhn recognize his civic duty and 32 years of judicial service in Oakland County, Michigan.

Judge Kuhn learned of law early in life as a Congressional Page in the U.S. Congress. Later, after completing an undergraduate degree from Michigan State University he received his Juris Doctor from the Detroit College of Law.

He was a successful small businessman and quickly found himself immersed in local politics. He was a Republican nominee for offices at the local, county, state and federal level. He contributed to the writing of the state constitution as a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention.

Highly respected by his colleagues, Judge Kuhn's 32 years of service on the bench include three terms as Chief Judge in addition to working as the supervising judge of a Citizens Grand Jury. In both of these positions he was elected by his contemporaries, showing his valued opinion and expertise.

Judge Kuhn led both community and professional organizations. He was a past director of both the Optimist and Kiwanis Clubs of Pontiac, Michigan. He was Chairman of the Board of the Central United Methodist Church in Waterford, Michigan. He is the past president of the Detroit College of Law Alumni Association. In addition, he has led numerous local Bar Associations. In service to the state of Michigan, he served on former governor John Engler's Criminal Justice Advisory Council.

Judge Kuhn is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Bar Association, and both the Michigan and American Judges Association. He is also a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Richard D. Kuhn, highly regarded for his judicial integrity, is deserving of this recognition for his professional and dedicated service as Oakland County, Michigan's Circuit Court Judge.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES
JOSEPH WEBB

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, SGT Charles Joseph Webb, 22, of Hamilton, Ohio, died on November 3, 2004 in Iraq. Sergeant Webb was an engineer with the A Company, 82nd Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division of Bamberg, Germany, and was killed when the armored personnel carrier he was riding in was struck by an explosive device. He is survived by his wife Stephanie, as well as his parents Joe and Barbara Webb of Alexandria, Alabama.

Sergeant Webb was eager to serve his country, Mr. Speaker, and dreamed of one day becoming an elementary school teacher. He attended school in the Saks area as a young boy and married his high school sweetheart after moving to Ohio. Like every other soldier, he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Sergeant Webb died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

PROVIDING CBO COST ESTIMATE
FOR H.R. 775

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on October 6, 2004, the Committee on the Judiciary filed its report on H.R. 775, the "Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2003." At that time, the Committee had not received a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for the bill, and it filed the report with a committee cost estimate as provided in clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the

House of Representatives. Subsequently, the Committee received the CBO cost estimate on H.R. 775, and I am submitting it here for the RECORD.

OCTOBER 27, 2004.

Hon. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER JR.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 775, the Security and Fairness Enhancement Act of 2003.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Joseph C. Whitehill, who can be reached at 226-2840.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS HOLTZ-EAKIN.

Enclosure

H.R. 775—Security and Fairness Enhancement Act of 2003

Summary: H.R. 775 would eliminate the diversity immigrant program. The costs of implementing that program are covered by fees charged to winning applicants in a lottery for a limited number of immigrant visas. The fees are credited to State Department and Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) accounts as offsetting collections and offsetting receipts, respectively. (Offsetting collections are a credit against discretionary spending, while offsetting receipts are a credit against direct spending.)

CBO estimates that enacting the bill would decrease collections and spending by the Department of State and the CIS; however, changes in net spending by those agencies would not be significant. Enacting H.R. 775 would lower the number of persons eligible for food stamps and Medicaid benefits. CBO estimates spending for those programs would be reduced by \$164 million over the 2005-2014 period. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

Each year, the Department of State issues about 50,000 immigrant visas under the diversity immigrant program to natives of foreign states which the U.S. Attorney General determines have had a low ratio of immigrants admitted under the other sections of the immigration law. The immigrants are selected randomly by the Secretary of State from among persons who submit applications in a special lottery for the visas. Persons apply in one fiscal year for visas to be issued in the coming fiscal year. Applicants must meet minimum requirements for education or work experience and otherwise be eligible for immigrant visas as specified in the Immigration and Nationality Act. Those selected in the diversity lottery must obtain their visas by the end of the fiscal year covered by the lottery.

H.R. 775 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA); CBO estimates that states would save about \$45 million in Medicaid costs over the 2005-2014 period.

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 775 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 550 (health) and function 600 (income security). In addition, the bill would have an insignificant effect on net spending in budget function 150 (international affairs) and budget function 750 (administration of justice).