

Well liked by those who knew him, Jim truly brightened and enriched the lives of all those around him. His devotion to the Teamsters and the members he worked so hard to represent was matched only by his love and devotion to his family and faith. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Barb, children, Jim Jr. and Debbie, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the life of James Anthony Zack. His dedication on behalf of working people has served to uplift our entire community.

IN RECOGNITION OF BASIC HIGH SCHOOL'S MARINE CORPS JROTC PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of a special group of high school students in Henderson, NV, the members of Basic High School's Marine Corps JROTC

Basic's JROTC unit was activated in 1977 and is one of over 200 plus units sponsored by the United States Marine Corps. Basic's MCJROTC has been designated as a "Naval Honor School" 14 times and has received State and national recognition and honors. The senior marine instructor and marine instructors are retired marines with over 80 years of combined military service and 30 years at Basic High School.

The mission of the MCJROTC is to develop young leaders and responsible citizens with respect for constituted authority, to help individuals strengthen character and form habits of self-discipline, and to learn the importance of national security in a democratic society. Students that participate in the MCJROTC program at Basic learn self-discipline, self-confidence, personal responsibility and build their character.

Basic's MCJROTC students participated in the Western United States National Drill Meet on April 1, 2006 and were deemed the overall winner for the West Coast. Other awards earned included: first place in Armed Inspection, second place in Unarmed Inspection, first place in 4 Person Unarmed, fifth place for 4 Person Unarmed, third place in Unarmed Inspection, second place for Color Guard Regulation, first place for 4 Person Armed, first place in Unarmed Exhibition, second place in Color Guard Regulation, fourth place for 4 Person Armed, second place for Armed Inspection, third place for Unarmed Exhibition, fourth place for Color Guard Inspection, Outstanding Unarmed Commander Cadet.

Basic's MCJROTC students have won this prestigious championship twice in the last 4 years. Their commitment to this important program and devotion to excellence has helped them achieve these high honors, and I am proud to recognize them today for their accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I salute the MCJROTC students at Basic High School.

GENERAL AVIATION SECURITY

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, the American people should be outraged to learn that all it takes to get on an on-demand charter flight at a general aviation airport is a credit card. You don't have to go through an x ray machine. No one is going to look into your carry-on bags. You and your friends can literally bring anything you want to on one of these flights and no one is going to stop you. According to the charter aviation industry this is actually a good thing and it represents advancement in security from the days where cash could get you a seat on one of these planes. And Mr. Speaker, I'm not talking here about small prop planes used by recreational pilots. Jets in the charter industry are larger, faster, and heavier than they used to be, therefore making them more like their commercial counterparts than ever before.

One of the ten busiest general aviation airports in the country is in my district. Teterboro Airport is only 12 miles from New York City and handles a volume of over 200,000 flights every year, nearly equal to the number of flights at JFK International Airport. So far this year there have been three incidents at the airport, including one where a car crashed through the airport's chain link fence on January 12th. An 18-year-old driver lost control of her Jeep and ran through the cyclone fence that separates a major roadway from parked planes. After going through the fence, the car actually crashed into a fully fueled plane parked on the tarmac causing damage to both the car and the plane. For those who have never driven by Teterboro, I'm sure it seems outrageous that a car could crash through the airport's fence and hit a plane. But it's true. This incident raises a question that all of us should be asking ourselves: If an 18-year-old can accidentally breach the security fence and drive straight onto the tarmac, into a fully fueled aircraft, at one of the busiest general aviation airports in the country, what could a motivated psychopath or terrorist do? Mr. Speaker, this incident speaks to the need for much greater security at general aviation airports.

We know that our Nation remains an inviting target for terrorists and we would be foolish not to assume they are looking for vulnerabilities. If a terrorist had a chemical or biological weapon and needed an airborne delivery mechanism, it would be shamefully easy to commandeer an aircraft at an airport like Teterboro, fly that plane over New York City, less than 5 minutes flight time away, and deploy that weapon.

The threat posed by lax security at general aviation airports does not begin and end with a car crashing through a fence. There are other very worrisome concerns, starting with the security and screening procedures for passengers boarding air taxi flights. Security procedures are actually nonexistent. Let me repeat, there are no security requirements for these passengers. That's right; no Federal agency requires any screening. In fact, passengers are not even required to show a license or have their baggage checked. All you need to do to hop on board an air taxi service

flight is a credit card to buy your ticket. There's absolutely nothing else you need to do.

So you might be wondering, if the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration are not regulating security at general aviation airports, then who is? The industry is of course. To help them out, TSA worked with the charter industry to publish "Security Guidelines for General Aviation Airports" in May of 2004. But none of these guidelines are mandatory. They offer suggestions and guidance, but the TSA does not require any local airport operators, owners, or users to put the guidelines to use. If we're not mandating security procedures, then what's the point of even having guidelines? Since there are no mandatory requirements, the threat to our Nation's security remains.

The excuse for the inadequate security has been that it is impossible to provide a one-size-fits-all security plan for the Nation's 19,000 general aviation airports. If that's true, then why isn't the TSA looking at airports in high risk locations? That seems like a reasonable place to start, but the TSA has not even done that.

However, there has been one notable exception where the TSA stepped in and mandated tighter security for general aviation aircraft. Just a few miles away from the Capitol at Ronald Reagan National Airport, the TSA requires all general aviation flights leaving and coming into Reagan National to undergo special security procedures and all passengers must be screened by TSA. Now, I understand the threats that exist for flights around our Nation's Capitol. However, the same risks exist for my constituents in Northern New Jersey and for the people of Manhattan and New York who are at the same risk from flights taking off and landing at Teterboro Airport. Yet, the only thing the TSA has done to improve security at Teterboro is to require that flights to Reagan National follow the required safety precautions. This is just not enough.

There clearly is nothing preventing a terrorist from taking out a credit card, buying a ticket on an air charter flight, showing up for the flight with a gun, a bomb, or even a weapon of mass destruction and stepping onto a jet. With no air marshal on board and a full tank of fuel, any general aviation jet could become the next weapon of mass destruction. If the TSA wanted to do something about this threat they would, but they haven't. They are putting all their efforts into preventing the kind of attacks we saw on 9-11 and putting their trust in the charter industry to protect our Nation from a new style of air-based attack. In fact, the charter industry, which has seen dramatic growth since 9-11, markets itself based on its lax security procedures. They spend millions of dollars in advertising to the rich and powerful that the way to avoid the security hassles and inconvenience of commercial airports is to book a seat on a charter flight. They actually promote their own lack of security.

Protecting our homeland is the responsibility of government. It's time for this Congress and the administration to open their eyes and address this urgent homeland security concern. This industry is expected to grow by as much as 25 percent in the next few years. We must do something now. I urge the Homeland Security and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees to address this issue and enact

legislation that will keep America safe from the threat posed by the lack of security at general aviation airports.

HONORING THE SELECTION OF CASEY'S PLACE AS THE NATIONAL HOUSING ENDOWMENT'S CHOICE AS "PROJECT OF THE YEAR"

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor The Home Builders Association of Central New York on having their project, Casey's Place, chosen as "Project of the Year" by the National Housing Endowment. The Home Builders Association of Central New York is the first association in the Northeast to receive this prestigious award.

Casey's Place, a pediatric respite house for children with disabilities, is truly a remarkable project. It is the only facility of its kind in the U.S. that offers the needed services for the medically fragile and the developmentally challenged and their families, all free of charge.

Casey's Place came about through the hard work and dedication of the 350 member Home Builders Association of Central New York. Members donated materials, labor, and made financial contributions in order to create this dream home where families can escape the hardships of dealing with these types of tough medical conditions. The 10,000 square foot space is equipped with a media room, recreation room, accessible kitchen, themed restrooms, fully accessible shower and bathing facilities with reclining air jet tubs and state-of-the-art overhead lifting systems.

To date, Casey's Place has provided overnight, school break and summer day programs to over 150 children and their families from Central New York. Casey's Place lets these kids experience many of the activities we all take for granted. Without the altruistic spirit of the Home Builders Association of Central New York, none of this would be possible. They deserve special recognition. I wish them the best of luck with the Casey's Place and hope they are able to touch many more families across the region.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF SENATOR LOURDES LEON GUERRERO

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a dedicated public servant and a true daughter of Guam, Senator Lou Leon Guerrero. The daughter of the late Jesus Sablan and Eugenia Aflague Leon Guerrero, Lou was born and raised on Guam along with her brothers Jesse and Tony Leon Guerrero. She graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the California State University at Los Angeles

in 1973. Lou began her career as a healthcare professional, working as a staff nurse at the Santa Monica Hospital. She was also attending graduate courses at UCLA, at this time. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Public Health in 1979.

Lou returned home to work at the Guam Memorial Hospital in 1980. She quickly rose through the ranks of Guam Memorial Hospital, serving as the hospital's Assistant Director of Nursing 1982 to 1983. Lou then worked for next 10 years at the Family Health Plan (FHP), a private health clinic on Guam. Lou became the FHP's Director of Operations in 1990. She served in that capacity until she entered politics in 1994.

Lou is a four-term senator in the Guam Legislature. She has served in a number of leadership roles during her 8 years in the Legislature. Lou became the Chairwoman of the Committee on Rules and Health in 2003. She was also a candidate for Lieutenant Governor during the 1998 election cycle.

Lou's career as a nurse laid the foundation for her commitment to serving Guam and the public. Lou's caring nature, her humanity, and her commitment to improving not only the quality of the healthcare available on this island, but the island as a whole was clear to see to those who worked closely with her over the years. It is my hope that her legacy of professionalism, service to the island, and community leadership will serve as a lasting inspiration for her family, friends, and associates as she leaves the Legislature for a new chapter in her professional life.

Lou forges an exciting a new path for herself and her family as she transitions to the position of President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Guam. Her brother Tony also served in this capacity. Her father Jesus founded the bank. Her service at the Bank of Guam is continuing the family tradition.

I have had the honor and privilege to work very closely with Lou over the years. She is both a colleague and a friend. I admire her tenacity, her love for the island of Guam and its people, and her commitment to do what she believes is best for them. Her determination to improve the lives of residents of Guam, her commitment to forming good public policy, and her persistence in seeing the needed carried out is commendable. Her presence in the Legislature will be greatly missed.

On behalf of a grateful island, I join her husband, Attorney Jeff Cook, her children Joaquin and Mariana, and all the people of Guam, in extending Senator Lou Leon Guerrero my most heartfelt appreciation for all the good work she has done for Guam. Additionally, I wish her success and prosperity in her new leadership roles at the Bank of Guam.

MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER  
REMEMBERED

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a great American warrior and patriot. Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel was a veteran of three wars, a Medal of Honor recipient, and a major figure in Army

aviation history. He passed away on April 2 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center after a long battle with cancer. CWO Novosel spent his last days as he spent most days at Walter Reed, talking with soldiers that were recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Novosel received the Medal of Honor for his "gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." His citation reads:

He unhesitatingly maneuvered his helicopter into a heavily fortified and defended enemy training area where a group of wounded [South] Vietnamese soldiers were pinned down by a large enemy force. Flying without gunship or other cover and exposed to intense machine gun fire, CWO Novosel was able to locate and rescue a wounded soldier. Since all communications with the beleaguered troops had been lost, he repeatedly circled the battle area, flying at low level under continuous heavy fire, to attract the attention of the scattered friendly troops. This display of courage visibly raised their morale, as they recognized this as a signal to assemble for evacuation.

On 6 occasions he and his crew were forced out of the battle area by the intense enemy fire, only to circle and return from another direction to land and extract additional troops. Near the end of the mission, a wounded soldier was spotted close to an enemy bunker. Fully realizing that he would attract a hail of enemy fire, CWO Novosel nevertheless attempted the extraction by hovering the helicopter backward. As the man was pulled on board, enemy automatic weapons opened fire at close range, damaged the aircraft and wounded CWO Novosel. He momentarily lost control of the aircraft, but quickly recovered and departed under the withering enemy fire.

In all, 15 extremely hazardous extractions were performed in order to remove wounded personnel. As a direct result of his selfless conduct, the lives of 29 soldiers were saved. The extraordinary heroism displayed by CWO Novosel was an inspiration to his comrades in arms and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

As a dustoff pilot, CWO Novosel flew 2,543 missions and rescued 5,589 wounded or stranded soldiers, according to Army records. He was an excellent soldier and an extraordinary American. May God bless him and his family.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. CAROL C.  
HARTER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Carol C. Harter, who is retiring after serving as the president University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the past 11 years.

Dr. Harter has dedicated herself to enriching the academic experience of the students at UNLV and expanding programs and enrollment at the university. Since Dr. Harter's appointment in 1995, UNLV has created more than 100 new degree programs. During her tenure at UNLV, more than 17 new buildings have been added, including the Lied Library. In addition, under her leadership, UNLV created the William S. Boyd School of Law, the School of Architecture, and the School of Dental Medicine—the first professional schools in