

upon graduating, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

He was stationed abroad in Morocco at the Nour Asour Air Force Base outside of Casablanca where he traveled extensively throughout North Africa and Europe, with tours of duty that included Rhine Maine Air Force Base in Germany.

Upon returning home, Colonel Marsden applied his knowledge of the Air Force to the burgeoning aerospace industry in southern California. He focused mainly on aerospace marketing and sales. He also took part in the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space missions. The last major project he worked on was the C-17 cargo plane for Boeing. He remained on active reserve and in command of the 9012 Air Force Reserve Squadron until his retirement in 1983. He died on December 2, 2007.

Colonel Marsden was married to Paula Walsh in November of 1956 in Sherman Oaks, California. This past year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Colonel Marsden is survived by Paula, his loving wife; his three children, Brinton Jr., Kerri and Craig; his six grandchildren, Jason, Brinton, James, Connor, Timothy, and Jennifer. In addition he leaves behind his sister, Beverly Birner.

His funeral took place at the St. Cyrils of Jerusalem Church in Encino, California on December 6, 2007. He will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on January 22, 2008.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Colonel Marsden's family. The Nation is grateful for his years of distinguished service.

HONOR OUR FALLEN HEROES OF
VIETNAM!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2007

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to speak about a bill that I have just introduced that recognizes and honors the service and sacrifice of many members of the United States Armed Forces who fought in Vietnam, H.R. 4720, the "In Memory Medal for Forgotten Veterans Act".

Those so recognized are veterans who have died as a result of their service in the Vietnam War but who do not meet the criteria for inclusion on The Wall of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund has a program called "In Memory" which has raised money for a plaque that has been placed near The Wall. The plaque honors "those who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service". No names are on the plaque, but all names are kept in the "In Memory Book" at a kiosk near The Wall, and families can order a copy.

My bill adds to this recognition by presenting the families of these veterans with a medal, to be known as the "Jesus (Chuchi) Salgado Medal" to be issued by the Secretary of Defense. Chuchi Salgado was an outstanding individual who lived in my Congressional district, whose exposure to Agent Orange ultimately led to his death. His relatives continue to live in my district.

Because of the boundaries that have been set for the names to be placed on The Wall,

Chuchi and many, many other Vietnam veterans are not honored in this manner. Now, with new veterans coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan, we are all taking a second look and a closer look at how veterans from past wars have been treated. While we must care for the newer veterans, we must also take this opportunity to do right by veterans of Vietnam, along with other past wars and conflicts.

I invite my colleagues to join with me in honoring these veterans. It is critical that we remember those who have fought so gallantly and sacrificed their lives for our freedom! Please join me in supporting H.R. 4720.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROBSTOWN, TEXAS

SPEECH OF

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor "The Biggest Little Town in Texas": Robstown, Texas.

Robstown has been "Celebrating a Century" this year, as the city turns 100 years old.

This centennial celebration and resolution are especially important to me because Robstown is my hometown.

I was born and raised there, attended the public schools there, and held my first job as a "printer's devil" at the local newspaper there.

Cotton and vegetable farming played an important role in the history and economy of Robstown, named after prominent local Robert Driscoll.

Robstown is a town where citizens are deeply committed to public service.

We've sent sons and daughters to shape history in local, state, and Federal offices.

County Commissioners, Sheriffs, District Attorneys, District Judges, Federal Judges, State Representatives—and this proud Member of Congress—can all trace their roots to Robstown.

Noted actress and singer, Kathryn Grant Crosby, wife of the late great crooner Bing Crosby, also hails from Robstown.

Robstown also has a great athletic tradition. Gene Upshaw, former NFL great for the Oakland Raiders, is from Robstown.

Humberto "Lefty" Barrera, bantamweight boxer on the historic 1960 Olympic team, who later earned an engineering degree at night school, also called Robstown home.

Our students also excel in the classroom, including the Robstown High School Cotton Pickers, who have achieved much in the fields of academics and athletics.

All year long, we have recognized the "Century of Celebration" which included a formal celebration on June 1.

One of our greatest traditions is the annual Cottonfest, held in October.

This year's was bigger and better than ever before.

Live music, arts and crafts, sports competitions, cook offs, contests, carnivals, and historical exhibits provide something for everyone.

We also have much to look forward to, as our town continues to grow.

Robstown enters the 21st century at the crossroads of international trade due to its

proximity to railroads, interstate highways, sea ports, and airports.

Robstown will serve as a rail hub by connecting major railway companies—Texas Mexican Railway, Kansas City Southern, and Union Pacific—with direct links to Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Houston, San Antonio, and Laredo.

Robstown is also home to the new Nueces County fairgrounds and an entertainment venue.

My hometown is the future home of an inland port, which will be the first such port in the United States, and the future home of an Army storage facility.

And no trip to Robstown would be complete without a filling yourself up with South Texas' best BBQ at Joe Cotten's.

Cotten's is an iconic restaurant where many of you have joined me for lunch South Texas style.

It is where presidential candidates, athletes, businessmen, cowboys, writers, astronauts, Generals, Admirals, other celebrities, and thousands of others have eaten over the years.

Robstown is the best of our communities in South Texas—friendly, family-oriented, and proud of their history.

It was in Robstown where my mother taught me my most important lesson: to always serve the community that gave me so many opportunities growing up.

"To whom much is given, much is expected."

Please join me in honoring Robstown on the city's 100th anniversary.

I'd like to thank Mr. CLAY and Mr. ISSA.

THE SECOND CHANCE ACT OF 2007

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support H.R. 1593, the Second Chance Act of 2007. I would like to thank my dear colleague Mr. DANNY DAVIS of Illinois for sponsoring this very important legislation that addresses the prison warehousing crisis in this country. H.R. 1593, a bill of which I am an original cosponsor, addresses the very serious concerns about the compromised state of warehousing prisoners.

Earlier this year, the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security of which I am a member, held hearings to address the state of certain conditions within the United States prison system. In one of those hearings, my colleagues and I considered the merits of the Second Chance Act, and my amendment which I offered in the last Congress was included in the base bill this year.

The Second Chance Act is designed to reduce recidivism, increase public safety, and help State and local governments better address the growing population of ex-offenders returning to their communities. The bill focuses on four areas: development and support of programs that provide alternatives to incarceration, expansion of the availability of substance abuse treatment, strengthening families, and the expansion of comprehensive re-entry services.