

Wiseman, and David Wiseman; and their six grandchildren and many friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DAVID
DAWSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. David Dawson as he retires after 40 years of service at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is a law firm for low-income individuals and provides services in the areas of consumer rights, domestic violence, education, employment, family law, health, housing, foreclosure, immigration, public benefits, utilities and tax. It was founded as a nonprofit in 1905 and until 1966 operated primarily with volunteers. In 1966, staff attorneys were hired and today there are 53 attorneys, 40 staff members and more than 1800 volunteers that serve Cleveland's low-income individuals. Legal Aid's mission is to secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income and otherwise vulnerable by providing high quality legal services and working for systemic solutions.

Mr. Dawson attended Kenyon College where he received a degree in English in 1964. He earned his Juris Doctor in 1971 from Vanderbilt University. He bravely served with the United States Navy between 1964 and 1967. He began working at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in 1971 as a staff attorney in the Hough Neighborhood Office. Throughout the past 40 years Mr. Dawson has also served as an Attorney in Charge, the Civil Director, and today serves as the Deputy Director for the Main Office and Interim Managing Attorney for the Lorain County Office.

Because of his dedication to serving the people of Cleveland and vast expertise in poverty law, Mr. Dawson was honored by the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation in 2010.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. David Dawson as he retires after 40 years of dedicated service to the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

HONORING ARMY SPECIALIST
CHRISTOPHER KURTZ

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Army Specialist Christopher Kurtz of the 1st Platoon, Apache Troop, 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division. This month marks the one year anniversary of an IED blast that nearly took his life and left him without his legs and took from him part of his hand.

As a Lieutenant Colonel in the Ohio Army National Guard, I have had the honor and privilege of witnessing firsthand the heroism, selflessness, and dedication of those who serve in our military. We enjoy unparalleled

freedom and opportunity in this country, because brave Americans like Christopher Kurtz have dedicated their entire lives to building and preserving the United States as the greatest nation on earth. I truly am grateful for this opportunity to pay tribute to Christopher Kurtz.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

In . . .

All In That Fight!

Are but all of those courageous brave hearts,
who must bring their light!

Whose most magnificent hearts, must somehow reach upward but to the greatest heights!

Who are all Airborne, with but their fine hearts so worn . . .

Who so courageously must ignite!

While, moving all out there into that darkness of war . . .

Armed, but only with their most courageous of all lights to victory to insure!

To So Find That Courage . . . To So Find That Faith . . .

All in how their fine hearts have so behaved . . .

All with such Strength In Honor, so all in place . . .

To so win that battle, to so win that fight!

As from out of such darkness, they so bring their light!

While, one and all are so willing to face!

That Face of Death!

And not so ask why, while there all of their fine hearts so crest!

Armed but with only your saw gun in hand,
as Chris you so heroically went out ahead . . .

As was heard your most courageous battle cry,
all in your stead!

As from out of such darkness as said!

As from out of all of your heartache, as your great heart so led . . .

With such courage and faith, all in this your most amazing grace . . .

Excepting this fight!

Because, from hearts of courage full like yours,

America's Sons over darkness have so shown their might!

Because with only such fine men as you Christopher, will we so win that fight!

As on that day, when you so walked through that valley death . . .

Armed with but only your courage as so left,
as with your Brothers In Arms as you had all so pledged!

When, a bomb almost left you for dead!

While, lying there all between life and death!

As you had so died several times, as when you said the Lord came to you and so said!

So said, "don't give up, I have more work for you to do!"

As from that moment on, you began your new fight as onward you so moved!

So on that next morning as you so awoke, so close to death . . .

As in that moment, your fine heart so spoke . . .

So spoke to you about all what you had so left!

As into the future, with all of your courage our nation would so bless!

As you had lost your two strong legs, and part of your hand . . .

But, somehow your great heart still found the strength to stand!

As we so watched you Chris, so watched you grow . . .

As you so came back from the dead, and all of that pain and woe!

As what a fine work of art, your life to our world would show!

To So Teach Us All! To So Beseech Us All!

As it was you who so led!

To take us to higher places, with tears upon our faces . . . with but your heart so pledged!

To places where only hearts of courage, have so sped!

For you will walk again my son, and you will so run!

As you rebuild your life, America's most brilliant of all sons!

For from what you've lost . . . far much more you've gained!

But, with your iron will, the price you paid . . .

With your beautiful children and wonderful wife!

Oh yes you are now so winning that fight!

For heroes like you are put upon this earth, to so teach us all what so comes first!

And if ever I have a son, I wish he could but be as brilliant as you this one!

Who All In The Fight, so did what must be done!

And led with his heart of honor, upon battlefields so on!

And came back home, through all of this pain and heartache . . . as Thy Will Be Done!

Who has taught us even greater things, showing us all to what new heights hearts can run!

And one day for all of your sacrifice, you will shine . . . all up in Heaven's sun!

For up in Heaven, you need not arms or legs!

And that's where Christopher you are going one day!

All for what you gave! And what you've done!

But your life here on earth, is not finished!

Is not so done, because our Lord has more work for you my son!

All In That Fight!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PHOEBUS
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise, on behalf of Congressman ROB WITTMAN, Congressman SCOTT RIGELL, and myself, to call attention to a group of young students from Hampton, Virginia, who have, for the fourth year in a row, distinguished themselves, their school, their community and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Phoebus High School Phantoms football team had a remarkable season. On December 10, Coach Stan Sexton and the Phantoms won their fourth consecutive Virginia state football championship, defeating South County High School of Lorton 20-10 at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, Virginia.

After overcoming injuries to finish 8-2, Phoebus High entered the postseason tournament as the number three seed. Led by Coach Stan Sexton, after a series of close games, including a come from behind fourth quarter win in the regional semifinals, and a 27-26 win in the state semifinals, Phoebus High entered the state championship game.

To cap what Coach Sexton could only call "an unusual season," Phoebus High turned to their defense to bring home a championship. The Phantoms forced five turnovers over the course of the game on their way to a 20-10 win, and another state championship. The Phantom's excellence in football is characteristic of the quality of athletics on the