

Charlotte Raggette from Rogers Middle School, Jessica Stone from Sablatura Middle School, Carl Coleman from Berry Miller Junior High, Jennifer Crutcher from Pearland Junior High East, Katie Bruno from Pearland Junior High South, John Aleman from Pearland Junior High West, Daniel Nava from Dawson High School, Brittany Doyle from Pearland High School, and John D. Robinson from Turner College and Career High School. These teachers go above and beyond to inspire their students and create a supportive educational environment. We are grateful for their commitment to education and providing a safe, inspirational learning environment for our students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to these dedicated Pearland teachers for being named Campus Glenda Dawson Teachers of the Year. We thank them for all that they do.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 235, had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

On Roll Call No. 237, had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call No. 238, had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

WELCOMING JAMESHIA SHEPHERD TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in welcoming my constituent, Ms. Jameshia Shepherd, to Congressional Foster Youth Shadow Day.

Today, I am honored to be joined by Jameshia Shepherd, who is shadowing me as part of the 2016 Congressional Foster Youth Day. Throughout her time with me, I have had the opportunity to learn more about Jameshia and she has had the opportunity to learn more about my work in Congress.

Jameshia is a remarkable young woman who has dedicated herself to help enrich the lives of those who, like her, have grown up in the foster care system. Like me, Jameshia is studying social work. She hopes to pursue her law degree with the intention of eventually working with juvenile delinquent youth. Using her experiences as a template for a brighter future, Jameshia has shown a great dedication to her fellow community members. I am confident that her passion to impact young lives will prove to be a determining factor in the futures of young individuals like her. Her commitment is commendable, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to meet her.

Foster Youth Shadow Day, launched in 2011, provides Members of Congress the opportunity to meet foster youth in order to dis-

cuss and develop policy recommendations to strengthen the child welfare system and improve the overall well-being of youth and families throughout the United States. It has been an honor to take part in this program.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I applaud Ms. Jameshia Shepherd for her dedication to serve those in her community and commitment to helping young individuals like her to build a bright future.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,212,492,715,543.24. We've added \$8,585,615,666,630.16 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES SKILES ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE EULESS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Charles 'Chuck' Skiles on his well-earned retirement from the City of Euless, Texas, Police Department after thirty-two years of dedicated service.

Charles' esteemed career began when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1977. Stationed in Oceanside, California, he achieved the rank of Sergeant during his two tours and was granted a reserve commission with the Oceanside Police Department. In 1983, after receiving an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Charles, wishing to continue his career in law enforcement, joined the Euless Police Department.

Since joining the department, Charles has honorably served his community and built a reputation as a hardworking and respected officer. In his thirty-two years of service, Charles has received over 28 police commendations, recognizing his professionalism and service to community. Charles has been described as an excellent detective with outstanding investigative skills and a dedicated, self-sacrificing police officer. Charles has been nominated for the Police Officer of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and two Life Saving Awards.

Charles' dedication as an officer is apparent in his pursuit of continued education and trainings to help provide a better service to his community. He has completed his basic, intermediate, advanced, and masters police certifications, as well as over 1,200 hours of police in-service trainings including Special Weapons and Tactics, criminal investigation, and crime

scene investigation. Charles is also a certified advanced accident investigator and accident reconstruction specialist.

Charles' contributions to the law enforcement operations in the City of Euless have helped to ensure that countless officers have been adequately trained and prepared for the challenges they face in their everyday duties in the police force. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Euless and the Euless Police Department for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the exhaustive efforts Charles has contributed to the City of Euless. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Charles Skiles and his many years of service.

HONORING MRS. CLARISSA (T.C.) FREEMAN

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Mrs. Clarissa (T.C.) Freeman. T.C. passed away last Thursday morning after a long, courageous battle. She was a personal friend, but more importantly, she was a friend to every man and woman who wears our Nation's uniform. Her dedication to the United States Army endured throughout her life and her distinguished record of service to our country has left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her.

This point became abundantly clear during her funeral service over the weekend where several hundred people came to pay their respects to the woman affectionately known as "Fort Campbell's Mom." Among those was General Richard A. Cody, former Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army and former Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, who provided the eulogy. General Cody's remarks perfectly captured what made T.C. so special to us, and with his permission, I share his words again today:

"As we gather here today to celebrate the life and the gift of T.C. Freeman, I have the distinct privilege and honor of putting into words and trying to capture a very extraordinary human being and how she touched each and every one of us. As difficult as this is, I hope my thoughts and words represent the feelings of so many of you.

In describing T.C. Freeman many clichés come to mind, like "one of a kind—a true force of nature—a friend to all and a stranger to none—small in stature but larger than life." She was those things—but T.C. was anything but cliché. We will never meet another T.C. Freeman. She wore many hats, played many roles—as she championed her many causes; every one of them having to do with Soldiers, their families, her beloved 101st Airborne Division, the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and 5th Special Forces Group. She was an untiring champion of all of Fort Campbell and we will all feel a little bit lost without her in our lives.

The list of her accomplishments is significant and long—T.C. has been honored here within the gates of Fort Campbell and this community—in the Corridors of the Pentagon—and in the Halls of Congress. I believe

most of you know all of her awards and honors—but a list of things does not fully define a person—especially a T.C. Freeman. What this amazing woman left behind is far greater than the awards and accolades she received here on earth. She left a legacy in Generations of Soldiers and Families—past, present and future. That is why we all have gathered here today—many of you traveling great distances to be here—We are Her Legacy.

T.C. was a devoted wife to Bobby for 55 years, loving him, following him, and supporting him in his Army career, and a devoted mother to Gil, William, and Robert. A true military family with both sons serving and their daughter, an Army wife. Later T.C. reveled in the accomplishments of their 3 grandchildren—Clytie, Richard and Sarah. We thank each of you—her family—for sharing her with us for all these years.

I first met the Freemans in 1984 . . . Bobby was still on active duty, the Garrison Commander of the 101st and T.C. was not just any Army wife, but the epitome of an Army wife. Like others in her generation, she saw being a supportive Army wife as a privilege and an honor that carried with it the responsibility of passing on the traditions of Army life to the next generation of wives. As a young major's wife, new to the 101st Airborne Division, my wife Vicki, like so many others, found a role model in T.C. Freeman. And that was just the beginning of a long and enduring friendship.

In the early years—As an Army wife to Bobby—she sent him off to war and welcomed him home from Viet Nam. Later she would remind us all how important it is to take care of the Families of our deployed Soldiers and to give a Hero's Welcome to our returning Soldiers—something that was not done for our Viet Nam Veterans. T.C. vowed that would not happen again and was part of the driving force behind hundreds of Welcome Home Ceremonies beginning after Desert Storm, continuing through the 90's and the Kosovo rotations, and currently the deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. At any hour of the day or night, you would find T.C. at Hangar One talking to our waiting Families, setting up refreshments, offering advice, encouragement, and thanks. Once the official ceremony was over and the Families left the bleachers to embrace their Soldier, T.C. watched for any Soldier who did not have someone—she would walk up and hug that Soldier, saying, "I am T.C. Freeman—I love you and thank you for your service . . . Welcome home!" She was tireless in her commitment to our returning Soldiers.

Those of us who have known T.C. for decades have watched her transition and change with the times . . . from Army wife to Army mom to a powerful voice for Soldiers and their families. For the first half of her life she supported Bobby in his career, but in the second half, it was Bobby by her side, supporting her endeavors. What an inspiration for women of any generation. And through all of the years, all of the many changes in our Army and Fort Campbell, T.C. never lost sight of her true mission in life . . . to make the Army, specifically Fort Campbell, a better place for everyone, Soldiers and family members alike. She opened her home, her arms, and her heart to each and every one of us. Advocating for Soldiers and their families would become T.C.'s most important role and contribution to our Army.

By the time we entered this new era and what is now our Nation's longest war with un-

precedented deployments and stress on families, T.C.'s reach had gone far beyond the gates of Fort Campbell. As an AUSA Chapter president and a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, T.C. was able to advocate and reach even more Soldiers and families throughout our Army. Even with her exhausting schedule traveling to D.C. and beyond; she never tired of greeting planeloads of Soldiers returning to Campbell Army Airfield. Often driving to the airfield in the middle of the night, to greet a plane, she was devout and steadfast in her loyalty to Soldiers.

The 101st Airborne Division, with all of its tenant units, was her family. It was obvious to any and all of us, that she would do anything for her post. And how great it was for so many of us to return again and again, knowing that T.C. and Bobby were always there to welcome us. I remarked more than once that, First Ladies of the 101st come and go every 2 years—but T.C. Freeman was the First Lady of Fort Campbell for life.

One of her many unique qualities was her ability to relate to anyone; Soldier or 4 star general. She was as comfortable in the hangar welcoming Soldiers as she was shaking hands with Senators and Congressmen on Capitol Hill. And as she mentored Army spouses, she was not above mentoring and lecturing commanding generals, to include this one. I always knew when T.C. began a sentence with Richard, instead of Dick, that I was about to get a tasking. But I didn't mind because her tasking always had to do with a Soldier or family member who needed help, had fallen through the cracks, or was getting a bad deal; it was never for her . . . so how could I say no? One time after one such tasking, I was curious and I asked her if she had already told the Soldier it was a done deal. She replied, "Of course I did, Richard. Now you will have to figure out how to get it done!" I couldn't help but laugh. She was a piece of work . . .

But the one task I hoped never to have to do, the one thing I did not want to be asked came last year when she realized what was ahead of her . . . Her final tasking was for me to give the eulogy at her funeral. Not wanting to face the inevitable, I jokingly replied, "I'll do yours, if you'll do mine." I wanted so much to turn her down, but I had never said no to T.C. Freeman and I wasn't about to say no for something so important to her. Especially when she remarked with her sly grin—"Besides Richard, You are an Army Aviator—and I know you will exaggerate . . . like you always do!"

In her last role, she was sidelined and forced to work out of her bedroom for the past year. But work it she did . . . texting and facebooking with her many fans and admirers, both young and old. Until the end, she entertained her hundreds of well-wishers from her bed, showing us the grace and dignity that were synonymous with her.

I hope that someday there is a bronze statue of T.C.—and I think it should be of her hugging a Soldier, something that she did for decades and something we will always remember her for. I have a feeling she is looking down today, very pleased with the love and support being shown her family but she knew that she was needed in heaven.

On Thursday there was a Welcome Home ceremony . . . but this one was not in Hangar One . . . it was in Heaven. I picture her now

surrounded by Soldiers embracing her, saying, "We love you . . . thank you for your service . . . Welcome Home!"

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CAROLYN DELLA-RODOLFA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Carolyn Della-Rodolfa.

Congratulations to Carolyn Della-Rodolfa, who is recognized by her peers and community organizations as one who embodies the true spirit of volunteerism, having served as chairman of the boards of Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown Health Foundation, Doylestown Health Physicians and the Health & Wellness Center of Doylestown Hospital. Her leadership encompasses years of valuable participation in strategic planning groups that have helped change health care delivery in the Bucks County community. In addition, she is a student who consistently attends seminars, reads and studies to broaden her knowledge. Under her tutelage, Doylestown Hospital and its related parts greatly expanded the quality and breadth of healthcare services. Notably, Ms. Della-Rodolfa's social and business acumen has had a financial impact on the total community beyond lifesaving healthcare and life-improving wellness care. Retiring, with the appreciation and gratitude of her colleagues and community, this outstanding volunteer/leader clearly has set an example for others to follow.

BUSINESS RAIDING AND ASSET GRABBING IN RUSSIA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring to my colleagues' attention an illuminating report on corruption and corporate dispossession in Russia. Written by Dr. Louise Shelley and Judy Deane of George Mason University's Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, "Reiderstvo: Implications for Russia and the West," concisely lays out the systematic tactics, fraud and corruption of business raiding and asset grabbing in Russia.

The most well-known case is that of the Yukos Oil Company, which not only saw its Russian founder Mikhail Khodorkovsky imprisoned for ten years in a Siberian gulag while his \$22 billion company was dismantled under the guise of \$22 billion in unpaid tax claims. A corporate entity, Yukos shares were confiscated and assets sold off at rigged auctions, without any regard for even its international—including U.S.—shareholders. As some of you may recall, I held a hearing last fall on the Russian government's violations of the rule of law, which examined the challenges these investors faced in enforcing the Permanent Court of Arbitration's \$50 billion finding of unlawful appropriation against the Russian government. It turns out Yukos is only the tip of the iceberg.