

Today, in every city in this country, there are children in schools with handguns. Children who are exposed to violence on a daily basis, children who feel they need protection more than they need an education. Children who should be enjoying life rather than taking one. "The Brady Handgun Law" provides hope for these children and their families.

For those who say that "The Brady Law" infringes on the rights of the American people to keep and bear arms; ask them what right does any American have to go into "The House of the People" and kill two brave men.

For those who say that "The Brady Law" is too costly to the American taxpayer; ask them what price would they pay to ensure that their families would not have to endure what the families of Capitol Police Officers Jacob J. Chestnut and John Gibson have endured.

For those who say "The Brady Law" is too confining and restricts would-be gun owners; ask them if they believed restrictions are more confining than the one Jim and Sarah Brady deal with on a daily basis.

In closing, I concur with Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL.) when he states, "We cannot allow the gun lobby to override those in law enforcement and endanger American families."

We must continue to have a mandatory waiting period which allows local police departments throughout the country to conduct their own background checks. Currently, over 95% of this nation's law enforcement officers use this system on a voluntary basis because we know the waiting period provision contained in the original "Brady Law" saves lives!

However, this November an amendment sponsored by the NRA, shall mark a change in "The Brady Law's" waiting period. For those of us on the Lowell Police Department this November shall also mark the hollow 20th anniversary of the last Lowell Police Officer killed in the line of duty. He too was killed by a handgun, while responding to an armed robbery at a pharmacy.

So, Mr. President, Members of Congress, on behalf of slain Lowell Police Officer Christos G. Rouses and my two fallen brothers from the Capitol Police, we urge you to support this legislation in order to extend "The Brady Law's" waiting period.

Thank you and God bless the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL  
GARMON

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 7, 1998*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, Mr. Paul L. Garmon, of Rockwall, Texas. Many Americans have served their country proudly wearing the numerous uniforms of our great armed forces, and more Americans continue to serve our great nation as civilians. One of these great Americans is retired Lieutenant Paul L. Garmon.

Last fall Mr. Garmon was honored as Fort Hood's Honorary Retiree during its yearly Retiree Day activities in San Antonio, Texas. In his remarks at the retreat ceremony, Mr. Garmon recognized the service that veterans have given to their country but reminded them that they can continue to serve by serving their community—through their local civic

clubs, associations, churches and volunteer organizations.

Mr. Garmon also praised the modern-day army. "Today we have the best equipment that modern technology can produce," he stated. "To man this equipment, we have the best educated, the healthiest, and the most dedicated soldiers that we have ever had. We also have some of the greatest leaders among our general officers that we have had since World War II." He paid tribute to three officers who had a great impact on his military career and his civilian life—Capt. Homer Kiefer (later Major General Kiefer), 2d Lt. Charles Brown (later Lt. General Brown), and Lt. William C. Westmorland (later General and Chief of Staff).

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and with respect for this great American, Paul Garmon, and let us conclude this session with Mr. Garmon's closing prayer: "I pray that our nation will remain strong and free until the trumpets of the Lord shall sound and time on earth is no more. God bless all of you, and may God bless America."

WISCONSIN UNVEILING OF THE  
ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS  
POSTAGE STAMP

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 7, 1998*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, August 14th, the Wisconsin Donor Network, the Wisconsin State Fair, and the United States Postal Service will sponsor the Wisconsin unveiling of a U.S. postage stamp highlighting organ donation awareness. I appreciate this opportunity to share with my colleagues the story of this unique partnership.

The Wisconsin Donor Network is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. The Network's information materials and presentations to community and professional groups send a powerful message about the need for and effectiveness of organ donation, and its multicultural information programs address the distinctive transplant needs and donation concerns of metropolitan Milwaukee's African American, Latino, and Asian communities.

Wisconsinites have answered the call for more organ donors, making an impressive commitment to give the gift of life. I am proud to note that, compared to organ donation promotion efforts by similar organizations nationwide, the Wisconsin Donor Network ranked sixth in 1997, and fourth in 1996.

Our colleague, U.S. Senator MIKE DEWINE, of Ohio, proposed an organ and tissue donation stamp, in 1996. The Postal Service rose to the occasion and produced a beautiful and compelling design previewed last year at a Capitol Hill ceremony by then-Postmaster General Marvin Runyon. I commend the Postal Service for its partnership in this important effort to raise our nation's consciousness concerning the critical importance of organ and tissue donation.

The Wisconsin State Fair has also been a strong supporter of the Wisconsin Donor Network's efforts. The Network's organ and tissue donation awareness booth at last year's State Fair was overwhelmingly successful, reaching thousands of State Fair visitors, and the State

Fair has welcomed the Wisconsin Donor Network back again this year. I can think of no better forum for the stamp's Wisconsin unveiling than this year's State Fair.

Mr. Speaker, the organ donation awareness postage stamp is a powerful symbol. It provides a daily reminder that a simple selfless act can make the difference between life and death for another person. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Wisconsin Donor Network, the Wisconsin State Fair, the United States Postal Service, and Wisconsin donor families and transplant recipients, on the occasion of its issuance.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN J.  
KORCZYNSKI FOR HIS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

**HON. ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 7, 1998*

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the heroic volunteer efforts of a constituent of mine from Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Edwin J. Korczynski.

On September 11, 1997, a fire erupted at an apartment building in the City of Northlake, Illinois, which resulted in severe damage to the structure. Fortunately, a constituent of mine, Edwin J. Korczynski, had spent the entire previous day planning an all-department HAZ/MAT drill, and upon learning about the fire, went to the scene and worked to coordinate volunteer efforts to serve the victims of the fire.

Mr. Korczynski's volunteer efforts were crucial and have been recognized by the City of Northlake, the Polish American Police Association and others as an outstanding example of heroism and public service.

I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Mr. Korczynski for his brave and community-oriented actions.

A SALUTE TO MAJ. GEN. PAUL G.  
REHKAMP

**HON. DAVID MINGE**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 7, 1998*

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, I stand to honor Maj. Gen. Paul G. Rehkamp. Recently, General Rehkamp, of Marshall, Minnesota, retired from the Army Reserve after more than 35 years of service to our country.

In 1989, General Rehkamp assumed command of the 88th Army Reserve Command. He chose a new motto for the command: "The Right Place to soldier." These words have followed the command ever since—and they also identify General Rehkamp's career.

While a part of the 88th ARCOM, General Rehkamp was Chief of Staff, and Deputy Commander, before becoming Commander in 1989. He was in command during key events that proved to be profound changes for the Army Reserve. He led units from the 88th Army Reserve Command as they were called to active duty for Desert Shield/Desert Storm. For this and other reasons, General Rehkamp's leadership shined through and allowed the 88th to survive downsizing of the Army Reserve.

After a successful tenure as Commander of the 88th in Minnesota, he moved on to the Pentagon. He was assigned to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Mobilization and Reserve Affairs. In addition, General Rehkamp was named to the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB). The RFPB is represented by members of all of the uniformed services. Members of the RFPB are responsible for policy advising to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to the reserve components. General Rehkamp was also a member of the Army Reserve Council. In that position he was advisor to the Chief, Army Reserve.

General Rehkamp's faithful service to his country has been recognized on a number of occasions. During General Rehkamp's career, he earned the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and numerous other commendations and awards.

In addition, during his civilian life, General Rehkamp served as a commissioner of the Metropolitan Airports Commission. As an at-large commissioner, it was General Rehkamp's duty to advocate for all Minnesotans. Once again, he served Minnesota with great distinction.

General Rehkamp is the consummate citizen-soldier and has dedicated his career to soldiers and the defense of our great nation. We salute him in his retirement from a long and successful career and thank him for his contribution to maintaining the freedoms we, as Americans, enjoy.

#### WALLY MILLER EULOGY

#### HON. DAVID MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 7, 1998*

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great remorse that I stand before you today to pay homage to a man who has worked to make a difference for the people of Indiana. Wally Miller was a man who to me epitomized that American dream and symbolized what our great country stands for. Wally Miller's list of achievements and contributions to his community are overflowing due to his sincere determination to his God, family, friends, state, and country. He is a true citizen, philanthropist, and friend.

Wally Miller is a graduate of Purdue University and Ball State University. He spent the first ten years of his professional life working as an engineer in the industrial sector. In 1969, Wally began his work in the family health care business. He served as the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of Miller's Merry Manor until 1989. Miller's Merry Manor is Indiana's largest independent operator of nursing homes with 32 facilities. Since 1989, Wally has spent much of his time working on behalf of the health care industry, and managing the family Property Company.

Wally Miller cared deeply about our children's future. As a member of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Board, Wally has been a true champion for the business community and has worked tirelessly to bring about real, meaningful, and comprehensive education reform in Indiana. Wally Miller has

also served as a member of the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute and he was a council member for the Boy Scouts of America.

Wally Miller is survived by his wife, June; children Beth Ingram, Aimee Riemke, Tom, Michael Miller, stepsons Ben, Andy Camp; mother Connie Conklin Miller; sisters Beverly Stevens, Barbara Miller, brothers V. Richard, R. James Miller; and five grandchildren.

In closing, I can only begin to enumerate on Wally Miller's long and distinguished list of contributions and achievements. To me what really makes a person truly great is the desire to help to improve the lives of the people around them. During his 61 years on earth, Wally Miller worked tirelessly toward this goal. For this reason, Wally we will miss you and Godspeed.

#### MAP INTERNATIONAL

#### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 7, 1998*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise and pay tribute to a Georgia-based private voluntary organization, MAP (Medical Assistance Programs) International. With an upcoming humanitarian shipment, MAP International will pass the \$1 billion mark in the value of donated medicines and medical supplies shipped to people in the developing world who have little or no access to these life-saving medicines. During its 44 years of service, MAP International has responded to disasters worldwide and regularly stocks hospitals, clinics and remote health posts in over 100 countries.

The efforts of MAP International represent the spirit of generosity of the American people; from the thousands of Americans who support the organization; to the fine American pharmaceutical companies who donate product for use among the poor; to the U.S. Government itself who assists many of the shipments with USAID funds. MAP has also cooperated with the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in responding to natural disasters here at home in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this important occasion in the history of MAP International.

#### TRIBUTE TO GIBBY WALES

#### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 7, 1998*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, on April 12 and 13 of this year, American flags in the state of Michigan were lowered on all public facilities for a fitting tribute to a dedicated public servant from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Gilbert Wales, better known as Gibby by an adoring community, and one of Michigan's most beloved lifetime residents died on April 10 at the age of 76. He was a loving husband, dedicated father, fellow state representative and longtime friend of mine. So I stand before you today, Mr. Speaker, to commemorate the life of Gibby Wales.

In honoring the memory of Gibby I feel there are a few things that I must call attention to, a few memories that, as I am sure, everyone who knew Gibby will agree with me on, must be mentioned. One of these was Gibby's fascination with sports. Gibby was truly a sports fanatic. He seemed to enjoy it most, though, when he could share his excitement and enthusiasm with others. He was very successful in spreading his love of sports in many different ways, whether it be by working for an organization in which he was able to advance athletics through scholarships and grants, personally mentoring a child in the fine art of free throws or simply swapping the play of the day stories with friends and neighbors. I am inclined to believe that if Gibby gets his way in heaven, those Pearly Gates will open up into a basketball arena.

But Gibby was most renowned for his active role in local and state politics in Michigan. After he graduated from Stambaugh High School, he fought in World War II as a member of the Field Artillery. He then dabbled in local politics. But it wasn't until he began working as a miner at M.A. Hanna Company in Stambaugh that his political career took off. Like many miners during that time, he was disappointed in the way his state representative was handling mining safety issues. Being a natural leader, Gibby decided to do something about it. He ran for a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives and was elected and reelected for five consecutive terms. Gibby committed himself to insure that democracy would work for everybody. His ten years work in the state house and his political philosophy are still greatly admired and appreciated throughout the state of Michigan.

In 1990 I had the pleasure to personally consult with and work with Gibby on my own campaign. He was an active supporter of mine and he quickly became a good friend and mentor to me. On numerous occasions, I would seek advice from him on both a personal and professional basis. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have known such a wonderful individual and to be able to share with all of my colleagues my deep admiration for one of Michigan's finest public servants. Although it is with a heavy heart that I give my condolences to his wife Verna, his children Wayne, Nancy, Peggy, and Sally, and his three sisters, it is with pride that I salute this outstanding citizen of our nation. Gilbert Wales will be missed.

#### ATTACKS ON U.S. EMBASSIES

#### HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 7, 1998*

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, as we await news about the Americans and others killed and injured in the reprehensible attacks on the United States Embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, I know our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these men and women.

I have visited the embassy in Nairobi several times, and been to Tanzania as well. My humanitarian work has been aided immeasurably by the foreign service officers whose tireless efforts on behalf of our country often are overlooked.