

("El Benny," about orchestra leader Beny Moré), Spain and Brazil.

Add it all up and it comes to this, Chin-chilla says: "This is the most exciting roster we've ever had. It's diverse, focused, a solid slate of films."

COMMENDING CORPORAL JACOB L. KAREUS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize and commend the courageous effort of Marine Corporal Jacob L. Kareus by entering into the RECORD the following letter:

MAY 29, 2007.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BOOZMAN: I am writing to inform you of the performance of one of your constituents, Corporal Jacob L. Kareus, United States Marine Corps, son of John L. and Katherine D. Kareus of 7001 Ellsworth, Fort Smith, AR 72903.

Cpl Kareus recently returned from a seven-month deployment to Haditha, Iraq, with Company E of the Second Battalion, Third Marine Regiment. Upon our arrival, Haditha, a city of approximately 40,000 people on the Euphrates River in the restive Al Anbar Province, had a reputation as one of the most dangerous places in Iraq. Sunni insurgents frequently attacked Cpl Kareus' patrol with small arms fire, sniper fire, grenades and rocket and rifle vehicles. The insurgency maintained a close handle on the populace by an effective murder and intimidation campaign. Through their threatening and pressure of public officials and government workers, insurgents even controlled public works such as water and electricity. Only 15 Iraqi Police remained brave enough to work from the Marine forward operating base, while the recruitment of new policemen was nonexistent. Cpl Kareus and the rest of the Marines in Haditha were the tip of the spear in the Iraq counterinsurgency.

Through the heroic actions of your constituent, Cpl Kareus, the city of Haditha saw unprecedented progress. By his deployment's end, Haditha's police force numbered over 200 policemen and officers—many recruited from the people of Haditha—and they conducted operations independent of the Marines. Attacks on Iraqi Police and Marine patrols decreased from an average of 5–10 per day to a handful per month. Intelligence reports on insurgent activity flowed in regularly from the people. The populace, previously terrified to be associated with the Coalition, eagerly welcomed Marines and policemen into their homes for tea and conversation. The marketplace, or souk, bustled again, children played in the streets, and even teenage girls—previously prohibited by the insurgents from going to school—walked the streets five days per week in their school uniforms.

As his commander, I wanted to ensure you were aware of the hero from your great state of Arkansas. Cpl Kareus's selfless actions in Haditha honored his nation, his state, and his family. In an age where our ideals of courage and commitment and our resolve have waned, your constituent Cpl Kareus exemplifies the principles of self-sacrifice and dedication to a cause greater than himself.

Sincerely,

CAPTAIN M.W. TRACY,
Company Commander, Company E.

I wish to thank Captain Tracy for taking the time to write to me of the heroic service of

Corporal Jacob Kareus and the Marines of Echo Company. I applaud Corporal Kareus's service to America, as well as to the people of Haditha.

The motto for the 3rd Marines is Fortes Fortuna Juvat, which translates to Fortune Favors the Strong. It is our good fortune that we have the strength of character of men and women like Corporal Jacob Kareus serving to protect the freedom of all Americans.

IN HONOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR DISABLED SAILING: DISABLED SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, 2007

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the International Association For Disabled Sailing World Championship scheduled to be hosted by the Rochester Yacht Club in Irondequoit, New York. The IFDS World Championship will consist of 170 competitors, including paralympic medalists and past world champions from twenty-eight different countries. These world class athletes will participate in a regatta on the waters of Lake Ontario.

A U.S.A. hosted, sanctioned World Championship, the IFDS World Championship will serve as a country qualifier for the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. It will also contribute locally by providing the net proceeds of the event to the Rochester Rehabilitation Center's Sportsnet Program, a collaboration of different clubs and organizations supporting the participation and inclusion of disabled individuals in a variety of sports.

The IFDS World Championship is an inspirational demonstration of strength and perseverance. Participation in this regatta will bring about further inclusion of the disabled in sports and encourage new generations of athletes to work hard in order to achieve what was once deemed impossible.

On behalf of the citizens of the 25th Congressional District of New York, I congratulate the organizers of the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship and the world class athletes involved. Best wishes for a successful competition.

IN HONOR OF JACKSON COUNTY'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, let it be known, it is my special privilege to congratulate Jackson County on its 175th anniversary.

Jackson County was named after President Andrew Jackson and was formed on August 1, 1832. Growth in Jackson County took off, and the world's largest walled prison was built in 1838, followed by the Michigan Central Railroad in 1841 that sparked growth and led to the discovery and production of coal mining.

The diverse economy of Jackson County has grown the last 175 years to include: man-

ufacturing, industry, medical and educational institutions, small business, and agriculture.

Some of the most beautiful scenery in the Midwest is in Jackson County. Residents and visitors recognize it for its many golf courses, hundreds of lakes, festivals, Michigan International Speedway, and acres of city and county parks.

Jackson County families are at the core of the community, supporting strong schools, family values and superior educational opportunities for everyone. Hundreds of churches and synagogues attest to the moral fabric that makes up Jackson County.

The citizens of Jackson County are its greatest resource. They continue to work together to provide a pleasant place to work, live, play and raise a family.

In special tribute, therefore, this document is signed and dedicated to honor Jackson County on its 175th anniversary. May the members of the Jackson County Community continue to benefit from the many wonderful attributes the county offers and seek to individually contribute to its growth and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOSE LOZANO

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Jose Lozano for being honored with the American Public Gas Association Personal Achievement Award.

Mr. Lozano started working for Okaloosa Gas District in May of 1972 as a system engineer. He was later promoted to operations manager, then vice president of corporate services and subsequently senior vice president. Then in 2003, after dedicating over 30 years of service, he advanced to the top management position, chief executive officer for Okaloosa Gas District.

Over the years Lozano has seen remarkable growth of Okaloosa Gas District. When he first came to work, the District had around 10,000 customers. Today the District has well over 37,000 customers.

He has served on numerous committees and boards in regional, State and national associations such as American Gas Association, Southern Gas Association, Florida Natural Gas Association, and American Public Gas Association, APGA.

From the start, Jose was an active participant in the APGA serving on committees such as Government Relations, Operations and Safety, Regulatory, and the Transmission Integrity Task Force. He has been a valuable partner in enhancing the prestige of the APGA in both the region and the Nation, and has made substantial contributions towards the attainment of APGA goals. As the APGA has grown so has Jose's involvement with the organization. He currently serves on the board of directors for APGA and as the second vice-chairman of the APGA Research Foundation board of directors.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, I am proud to recognize Jose Lozano for his exemplary career with the Okaloosa Gas District and wish him continued success.